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# Conflict, double dipping issues could mar Casino Commission

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Concerns about possible conflict of interest and double dipping could mar—or at least prolong—Saipan lawmakers' confirmation of Gov. Eloy S. Inos' three appointees to the Commonwealth Casino Commission. All three happen to be government retirees and are supposed to be compensated $40,000 on the first year of being confirmed commissioners and then $20 an hour for official meetings in succeeding years.

The 21-member Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation is tasked to confirm or reject the governor's appointees to the Casino Commission. Rota and Tinian lawmakers, meanwhile, are supposed to confirm or reject their respective mayor's nominees.

SNILD delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) confirmed yesterday that members continue to find "gray" areas in the Saipan casino laws that they want clarification first "even before scheduling public hearings" on

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# Marianas Stars responds to Best Sunshine's assets claim

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Casino applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. said yesterday that its parent company's net assets are "more than five times greater" than those of the parent company of Best Sunshine International Ltd., in

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# 5 students top NMC graduates

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The Northern Marianas College will bestow its prestigious Academic Excellence Award this year on five graduating students who posted the highest overall grade point average in their respective degree programs.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that there's a three-way tie for the top honor at the bachelor's degree level and a two-way tie at the associate degree level.

Alcantara

Sablan

Blas

Ferrer

Babauta

At the 34th NMC Commencement Rites tomorrow, Raissa Belle Alarca Ferrer, Tatiana A. Babauta, Querlaine Blas will be presented with the Academic Excellence Award in the bachelor's degree level, while Nicole Ichihara Sablan and Jan Kimberly Tecson Alcantra will get the same honor in the associate degree level.

NMC will be conferring about 160 associate and bachelor's degrees tomorrow at the Marianas High School Gymnasium beginning at 4:30pm.

The five outstanding graduates shared their plans and visions with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Ferrer, who will graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, said she plans "to start teaching in the Public School System. Also, I will further my education to obtain my master's degree."

She credits her family, friends, and

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# Father allegedly beats up son, 14, with piece of wood

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A man was arrested for allegedly severely beating up his 14-year-old son with *tangan tangan* wood and choking and kicking him before his horrified mother and siblings at their house in Koblerville on Monday.

The crying mother sought help from her neighbor upon seeing her son already weakened by the beating in the hands of Jesse Billy Wailuw Jr., 38. The boy's saliva was reportedly dripping from his mouth and white bubbles were also coming out of his mouth due to the severe beating.

» **Mother thought son going to die over severe beating**

At a hearing on Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a $10,000 cash bail for Wailuw's temporary release.

Police arrested the suspect Monday night on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, child abuse, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Police detective Isapen Bokuku stated in her report that, according to Wailuw's common-law wife, the defendant came home and asked for the whereabouts of their 14-year-old son. Wailuw then got angry, lectured his wife, and threw a slipper at her, hitting her on the head.

Wailuw left on a pickup truck and later came home with their 14-year-old son. He then allegedly started beating the boy with *tangan tangan* wood several times on his back, legs, and hands. The boy was crying and yelling at his father to stop.

The mother was helpless as she was scared because he might also beat her. She was crying, yelling, and begging her husband to stop because she was worried that their son was going to die as she saw him getting very weak already.

The boy later told police that he was with some friends at a basketball court in the Koblerville housing area when his 9-year-old brother and a sister came looking for him. They told him that their father was looking for him. As they were walking on their way home, Wailuw came on the truck and told them to get on the vehicle.

Once home, Wailuw allegedly threw a piece of pipe at the boy but he was able to duck. The boy asked what he did wrong, but his father allegedly pulled him by the neck and began beating him with the wood.

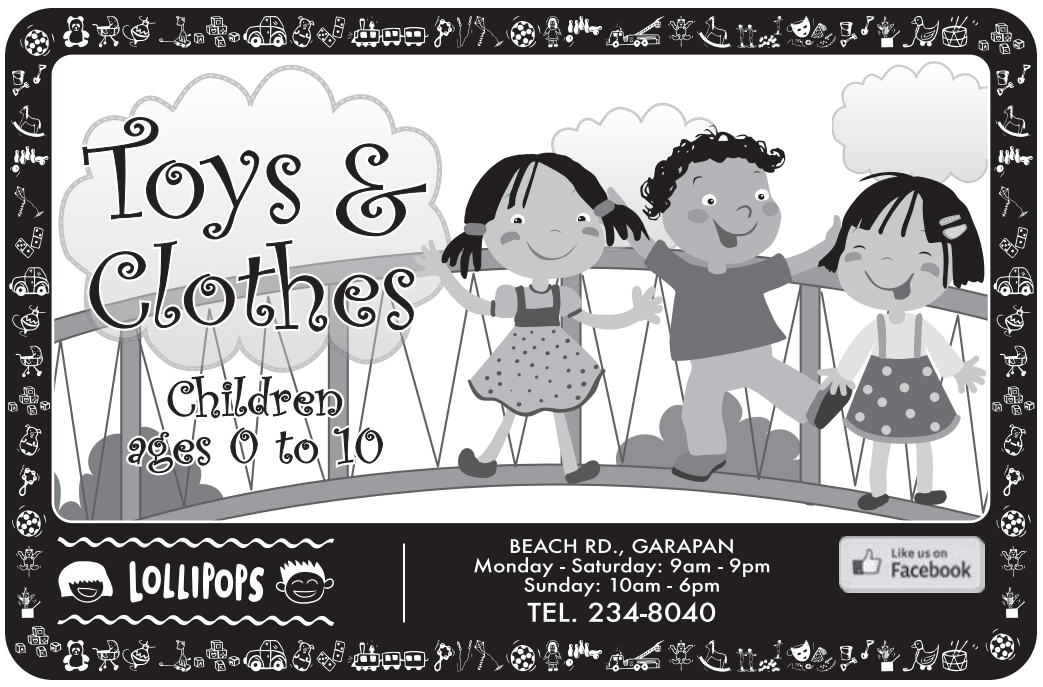
Fearing for his life, the boy ran into the road toward their neighbors. His father chased him and grabbed him by his hair and dragged him back to their house.

Wailuw then allegedly hit the boy's head on the truck's door below the side mirror. He then choked his son and pushed him to the floor.

The boy said he was breathless and felt very weak, but his father kicked him on the forehead and again on the body.

Wailuw grabbed the boy and pushed him toward the trash bin by the road. The boy fell to the ground. A neighbor came running and stopped Wailuw.

The boy said it was not the first time his father beat him up. He said he, along with his siblings, are living in a violent home as they have witnessed their father also beat up their mother.



# CUC assures 88 pct. reserve energy even if hotels hook up

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assured power customers yesterday that it has more than enough reserve power capacity even with the inclusion of large commercial customers to its grid, which is the target of CUC's incentive rate petition before the regulatory commission.

Robert Young, managing director of economists.com, disclosed this to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission in a presentation yesterday at the Commonwealth Development Authority's conference room.

Currently, Young said, Saipan has a generation capacity of 79 megawatts. The island's peak load is at 35MW, translating to a 125-percent reserve margin.

With the expected approval of the incentive rate for nine large commercial customers, Young disclosed that CUC's reserve capacity will still be at a stable 88 percent. He estimated the peak load for incentive rate customers is at 7 megawatts.

CUC and its large commercial customers have agreed to endorse an incentive rate option that, if approved by the CPUC, would entitle them to avail a significant reduction in their electric base rates for three years. The petition replaces the standby charge proposal earlier withdrawn by the utilities corporation. The alternative option provides a reduction of 7.3 cents per kWh from CUC's commercial electric base rate. Eligible for the incentive rate are existing customers who currently generate 90 percent or more of their annual electric requirements and have installed capacity of 400 kW or greater. New commercial customers with generation capacity of 400 kW or greater will also qualify for this new incentive rate.

According to the economists.com's report, there's an estimated nine customers with a combined connected load of 8,522 kW—or approximately 30 percent of CUC's peak demand—that would be eligible for the incentive rate.

Young said the incentive rate is a common offering in utility agencies around the nation. He listed at least 25 electric utilities in the U.S. mainland that currently offer these types of incentive rate options.

According to Young, there are two types of electric incentive rates: attract and keep. The incentive rates to attract new load are referred to as Economic Development Rates, while incentive rates to keep existing customers from leaving are referred to as Load Retention Rates.

## Benefits of IR

Young enumerated yesterday the benefits of the proposed incentive rate. These include increased sales from new and existing customers as long as additional capacity is not required. To the community, the benefit is increased employment and other direct, indirect, and induced economic effects, while the government would benefit from tax revenues.

According to Young, CUC kWh sales fell 50 percent since 2005—from 430 million in 2005 to just a little over 200 million in 2013. He attributed the significant decline to the

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# TRO bars CUC from disconnecting CHC

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued Wednesday a temporary restraining order preventing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from disconnecting utility services to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Wiseman said CHCC, which runs the Commonwealth Health Center, would suffer immediate and irreparable injury if CUC disconnects any of its utility services as the hospital would be unable to provide critical healthcare and public health services to the public.

CUC claims the hospital owes it $9,690,875.67, together with pre-judgment interest, for utility services. CUC has threatened to disconnect the hospital if it fails to at least pay its monthly bill in full, amounting to some $539,000.

CHCC then asked the court to issue a TRO and preliminary injunction against CUC.

The hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction will be held on May 29, 2014, at 1:30am.

According to CUC's lawsuit filed in December 2013, CHCC is indebted to CUC for utility services in the principal sum of $9,690,875.67, together with pre-judgment interest. It was last reported that the hospital owes CUC $11 million in past due accounts.

In separate lawsuits filed last December, CUC, through counsel Michael White, also sued the Public School System and the CNMI government to collect on unpaid utility billings.

White said PSS and the CNMI government are indebted to CUC, for utility services in the principal sum of $5,936,931.55 and $1,241,137 respectively together with pre-judgment interest. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Guam bill on cattle import from CNMI to become law today

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that acting Guam governor Ray Tenorio will be signing into law today a bill that would pave the way for the CNMI to export cattle or livestock to Guam. Once signed, the measure removes a required test for a cattle disease that is endemic to the whole Marianas but is no longer considered a major concern by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a letter to Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo yesterday, called it "landmark legislation."

Bill 297-32, authored by Guam Speaker Judith T. Won Pat and Sen. Vicente C. Pangelinan, amends Guam's animal quarantine regulations to, among other things, make the importation of live animals, particularly cattle, less restrictive to import, by allowing the use of a Brucellois card or field test as an alternative to testing in a laboratory. It also removes the requirement that cattle be free of Anaplasomosis.

During the Marianas Governors' Summit in September 2013, Inos and Calvo discussed trade barriers between Guam and the CNMI, the need to update cattle import and export requirements, and to remove unnecessary restrictions.

"Since our meeting, much progress has been achieved," Inos told Calvo in a one-page letter.

The governors' summit was followed by the first assembly of the Mariana Islands Legislature Association in November, which recognizes the needs to address political, social, and economic issues and concerns, including agriculture and trade relations between the CNMI and Guam.

For over three years, the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources worked with Guam's Department of Agriculture to propose amendments to phase out entry requirements and conditions that Inos said are no longer considered essential, are overly restrictive, or are not performing their intended purpose.

"These amendments are important to advance livestock production and will be beneficial to both CNMI and Guam farmers and ranchers," Inos said.

DLNR Secretary Arnold Palacios said the Marianas is "one step from successfully getting this done." ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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response to Best Sunshine's earlier statement that its finances are better than its competitor. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, meanwhile, reiterated the positive impacts of a minimum $2 billion investment and its multiplier effect on the CNMI economy.

Cario Hon of Marianas Stars said that Chinese Strategic Holdings' net assets of "HK$790.638 million is more than five times greater than First Natural Foods Holdings' net assets of HK$145.535 million."

"The numbers speak for themselves," Hon said in a statement. "As competent accountants will agree, the best indicator of a company's financial strength is its net assets."

At a Lottery Commission meeting on Tuesday, Best Sunshine's Terence Tay said during public comment that "just in terms of financial capabilities, our company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has market capitalization of $500 million…I believe our nearest competitor has a market capitalization of 1/15th of ours."

Hon, in response, said rather than debate the subject, he showed the consolidated statement of financial position from the 2013 annual reports of both First Natural Foods and Chinese Strategic Holdings.

Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars are competing for a license to exclusively develop a minimum $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

The Lottery Commission, with the help of consultants, has until June 19 to decide whether to grant a license and to whom.

The governor, meanwhile, hopes that a license could be issued "and with that, we can release the $30 million and start the program."

The $30 million, representing two years of advanced annual license, will be used to restore CNMI retirees' deferred 25-percent pension and pay the interest on retirement contributions that some government employees withdrew last year.

Inos also hopes that the two lawsuits filed over the Saipan casino law are not meant to "derail" the project.

"And I'm asking these folks and the public, save for any technical legal issues that may be involved, I'd like to see this project given a chance so they can work. Because in the end, it's going to benefit the majority of the people within the community and not just Saipan, Rota but Tinian as well, and not just retirees but other members of the community," he said, adding that utility rates are also expected to go down because LEAC will be subsidized in part by funds from the casino industry.

Inos reiterated that if the ongoing application process is shot down, the CNMI would be seen as not a business-friendly place.

"But again, you can't stop these people from filing any kind of lawsuit," he said, but still hoping that those behind the lawsuits will also consider helping the greater majority of the CNMI people.

When asked if there's a backup plan, especially if and when the second lawsuit over violation of the Open Government Act succeeds, the governor said it may be the reintroduction of a new bill.

"It's a gamble. We may not be able to get this kind of approval next time around," he added.

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her significant other for always motivating her to succeed. "They're always there to support me no matter what."

Babauta attributed her achievement to what she describes as an "amazing support system"—her family, co-workers at Marianas Visitors Authority, instructors, her mentor at Karidat, and friends who encouraged her to pursue her goals and succeed in school.

Babauta will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Education, Rehabilitation and Human Services emphasis. "I plan to continue working at the Marinas Visitors Authority. My job at MVA gives me an opportunity to make valuable contribution to the community and work alongside great people," she said.

Blas, also graduating with a bachelor's degree in Education, Rehabilitation and Human Services emphasis, credits her faith, family, and friends for her latest accomplishment.

"Throughout my years of education I have been motivated by faith in God and the love and support of my friends and family. My parents and grandparents have instilled in us the importance of higher education and prayer is something I hold very dear. Also, my friends have always been there to encourage and guide me whenever I need it. I can only hope to do the same for them and others," she said. She plans to enter into the workforce after graduation.

Like Babauta, Sablan, who will obtain her associate degree today, plans to continue working at MVA, saying it gives her the opportunity to make valuable contribution to the community and work with great people.

"The key motivation for me is my amazing support system. My No. 1 support system is my family; their love and support were the greatest motivation. My other support system is my co-workers at MVA, my instructors at NMC, and my friends," she said.

Equally excited and proud of her achievement is Alcantra, who will graduate with an associate degree in nursing.

"After graduation, my first priority is to review for the NCLEX and hopefully pass it to become a licensed registered nurse. I will work as a graduate nurse first while attaining that goal. Soon after, I hope to continue my studies so that I may be a nurse practitioner or pursue a medical degree," she shared.

For Alcantara, family and loved ones are her inspiration for everything, especially her parents who have been supporting her through all her endeavors. "I am driven by the knowledge that is required for a medical career and how the ultimate goal in this career is to help those in need of such care in the community," she added.

Hart said she is very proud of this year's most outstanding graduates.

"We are extremely proud of our Academic Excellence Award recipients, who have worked tirelessly to earn their excellent grade point averages. We commend Nicole, Jan, Raissa, Tatiana, and Querlaine and all of our graduates of the Class of 2014 for their commitment to their education and their professional growth," Hart said.

## CONFLICT

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the nominees.

Inos appointed to the commission former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, businessman David C. Sablan, and former Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Alvaro A. Santos.

Because all three are retirees, Tebuteb said the delegation wants to clarify whether they would be illegally double-dipping once they get compensated for Casino Commission work, and whether they would find themselves conflicted because a big chunk of casino-related fees would fund 25 percent of retirees' pension.

Moreover, some delegation members want to clarify whether the Saipan casino law and the law that amended it give the Lottery Commission the authority to use portions of the $2 million in nonrefundable application fee that casino applicants Best Sunshine International Ltd. and Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. paid.

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said the contracts with their casino investigators and gaming consultants is "no more than $500,000," and this came from the $2 million application fees. The rest is supposed to be for the operation of the Casino Commission.

The Lottery Commission is the one that decides whether to grant—and to whom—an exclusive casino license on Saipan. The Casino Commission is the regulatory body, and will promulgate rules and regulations governing the casino industry on Saipan.

"Between a $2 billion investment and the government's $134 million proposed budget for 2015, we really have to be meticulous, impartial in the process of confirming or not the appointees to the Casino Commission," Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He also said he will be sending as early as today a letter addressed to the Settlement Trust's trustee, attorney Joyce C.H. Tang of Civille and Tang PLLC, to help seek clarification as to the benefit status of Settlement Fund members who are also members of CNMI boards or commissions.

Some delegation members contend that Settlement Class members are no longer members of the NMI Retirement Fund, and therefore no longer have obligations or duties to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Moreover, some said even if reemployment and double dipping applied, serving as a member of any board or commission—in this case the Casino Commission—is "not" being "employed by the Commonwealth." They specifically cited that there's no notification of personnel action made with respect to board and commission members.

A notice of personnel action is a document that places the person on the government payroll and documents their status as a CNMI government employee.

Some lawmakers pointed out that board and commission members receive compensation but they are not classified as wages or salary.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), one of the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee that will be reviewing the Casino Commission appointments, said yesterday that in the course of reviewing or charting the confirmation process, members have been finding some possible flaws in the Saipan casino laws.

Public Law 18-38 authorized casino gaming on Saipan. This was amended by Public Law 18-43.

Tebuteb, as chairman of the Saipan legislative delegation, convened the officers and committee chairmen of the delegation on Wednesday afternoon to start discussing the confirmation process.

"There are at least 10 members of the ad-hoc committee—the three officers and the seven committee chairmen. But even before we could set public hearings on the nominees, we have to get answers first to the questions and gray areas that members have been finding," Tebuteb said.

### Rota, Tinian nominees

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola has nominated Department of Commerce-Rota resident director Eusebio Hocog to serve on the Commonwealth Casino Commission. The Rota delegation has yet to schedule a public hearing on the nomination.

Tinian lawmakers, meanwhile, have yet to receive from Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz a nominee to the Lottery Commission as of yesterday. In the CNMI, the only operating casino is on Tinian—the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) said last night that names have been mentioned but the Tinian leadership is still trying to identify someone who is "more than capable" of doing the job.

# Disappearance of Luhk sisters marks 3rd year

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Faloma

Maleina

This weekend marks the third year of the mysterious disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk in As Teo, with still no trace of the minors.

The families of the Luhk sisters will offer a special Mass at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 9:30am on Sunday, May 25, the same day in 2011 when the girls were last seen.

"Up to now their disappearance is still a mystery. There are no conclusive findings," said Elbert Quitugua, the grandfather of the Luhk sisters.

Quitugua told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they still believe that somehow there is someone in the community that has information about the girls' disappearance.

Quitugua said they are seeking help from the public if anyone has information that will assist in the investigation.

"I'm just praying, the family is praying that someone who has information will finally come forward. We really need help. We're begging that person to come forward," he said.

Quitugua said the last time he heard from the Department of Public Safety about the investigation was over a year ago.

He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the other hand, has been persistent in trying to find his granddaughters and has been contacting him now and then.

Quitugua said the families are also deeply hurt by the passing last April 30 of his sister, former Marianas Visitors Bureau managing director Anicia Tomokane.

Quitugua said Tomokane was close to the Luhk sisters and was very active in searching for the children.

*Saipan Tribune* tried but failed to get an update of the investigation from DPS yesterday.

In an interview last year, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed that their No. 1 goal is to locate the missing sisters. He had said that DPS is still working closely with the FBI in trying to solve this case.

Then 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were last seen on May 25, 2011, near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo.

Their disappearance triggered the most extensive searches in CNMI history, with FBI agents and DPS officers combing a landfill, caves, jungles, beaches, villages, abandoned buildings, and other areas for several months.

Many civilian volunteers joined some of the searches. The U.S. military even conducted aerial searches. A tracking dog was also sent from Hawaii to join the searches.

Alan Santos Aguon, a former DPS firefighter who refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with the investigation, was tagged as "a person of interest" but he was never been charged. In 2012, he was reportedly arrested in Burien, Washington state for domestic violence.

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## GOP names another Precinct 3 bet

Blas-Deleon Guerrero

The Republican Party's board endorsed last night the candidacy of Susana Blas-Deleon Guerrero for a House of Representatives seat representing Precinct 3, bringing to five the number of GOP candidates for the six-seat precinct.

Blas-Deleon Guerrero is a former federal program coordinator for grant management at the CNMI Forestry under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Agriculture. She served in that post from April 2010 to December 2011 and from August 2012 to May 2013

Ivan Blanco, chairman of the GOP Central Committee's public relations team, confirmed last night that GOP board members "unanimously endorsed" Blas-Deleon Guerrero's Precinct 3 candidacy.

Besides Blas-Deleon Guerrero, the other GOP Precinct 3 candidates are incumbent Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), current Veterans' Affairs Office director Vicente Camacho, former representative Stanley Torres, and current zoning planner Maryann Arriola. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp/ legal counsel James Sirok, standing, gestures during a presentation to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission yesterday where he discussed the details of the newly signed six-year fuel contract with Mobil Oil.

# 'Fuel contract will have nominal impact on CUC customers'

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said yesterday that the six-year fuel contract it signed with Mobil Oil will have minimal impact on the agency's power customers.

CUC legal counsel James Sirok told the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission that for users of 350 kWh per month, the impact of the fuel contract is just $0.37 cents a month. For those consuming 500 kWh a month, the bill will increase by only $0.53 cents, while users of 1000 kWh per month will see a $1.05 increase each month.

For 500 kWh/monthly users, Sirok said the increase is equal to only one-tenth of a cent.

CUC and Mobil signed the six-year contract on May 1. It includes the option for CUC to terminate the contract at its discretion after four years. This option, Sirok said, is for CUC alone and has never been allowed by Mobil in any of its other contracts.

Sirok said that the early termination provision was included so that in the event CUC needs to move to renewable energy sources, it can do so. He believes, however, that these alternative energy plans will not happen anytime soon.

Under the contract, CUC is required to purchase 108 million gallons of fuel in six years, equivalent to 18 million gallons every year. If CUC reaches the 108-million gallon mark during the term of the contract, rate will automatically drops by $.0611 per gallon.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the amount of the six-year contract is $360 million.

Sirok told the CPUC that the utility agency owed Mobil Oil $7.6 million under a previous contract. Of this debt, $1.3 million represents penalties CUC incurred for not consuming up to the minimum contracted amount of fuel. The remaining $6.3 million represents all the debts CUC owed the company.

The benefits of the new contract, Sirok said, include forgiveness of the $1.3 million fine and Mobil giving CUC a $3 million unsecured line of credit at no cost to the utility agency.

Mobil Oil will also provide CUC $6.6 million under its "Marketing Assistance Program" at no interest. Sirok said this MAP is not normally provided to an entity like CUC but was done so because of the new contract.

Of this $6.6 million, CUC will receive $5.7 million on June 6 this year, while the remaining $900,000 will be disbursed in April 2015.

CUC officials earlier said that to terminate the $6.3 million debt to Mobil Oil, all $5.7 million from MAP will be paid to the company upon receipt, while the $600,000 shortfall to retire all $63 million debt will be paid using CUC revenue and collection.

Once these debts are terminated by CUC, customer security deposits will no longer collateralize the Mobil payable.

Based on CUC records, the new contract amount of $61.465 million is a slight increase from the previous contract of $61.253 million.

CUC operates three power plants that are all oil-fueled diesel engines. It spends about $60 million to $65 million each year on fuel.

## CUC

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loss of garment industry, followed by Japan Airlines' pullout, recession, the Japanese earthquake, and the loss of large commercial load.

With the economy starting to pick up, he said the CNMI could see construction of at least eight new hotels in the next three to four years, which could consume over 75,000 to 100,000 mWh annually.

"With increased tourism, new businesses, restaurants, staff housing, etc., will lead to increased electric usage," Young said in his presentation yesterday.

Young also pointed out that, with the proposed incentive rate, "other customers are not harmed."

CUC proposes that the incentive rate for large commercial customers take effect on June 23, 2014.

Assuming that all nine large customers agree to purchase power through the incentive rate, CUC is projecting a base rate revenue increase of about $1.5 million annually. Total revenue increase including LEAC will be approximately $12.7 million.

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CAMACHO RECUSES IN QUICHOCHO SUIT OVER CASINO LAW

# OAG accuses Quichocho of interjecting new facts

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To avoid unnecessary briefing, the Office of the Attorney General has asked for guidance from the Superior Court in connection with lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho's taxpayer's lawsuit that questions the constitutionality of the 2-month-old casino law.

This developed as Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Wednesday recused himself from the lawsuit as his brother, Rep. George N. Camacho, may or may not be called as a witness in the case. Camacho forwarded the case to Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja for reassignment to another judge.

Assistant attorneys general David Lochabay, Reena Patel, and Teresita Sablan, as counsels for the CNMI government, Lottery Commission, and Gov. Eloy S. Inos respectively, filed a joint request to set a status conference as soon as possible.

Camacho ordered Quichocho to file his motion for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction on or before Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

The CNMI government, Lottery Commission, and Inos are allowed to file their oppositions on or before May 26, 2014. The hearing on the motion for TRO/preliminary injunction would start on May 27, 2014.

Lochabay, Patel, and Sablan disclosed that on May 20, 2014, Quichocho filed his "suggestion" of nonwaivable conflict and illegal representation of Inos, in his personal capacity, by the OAG.

Quichocho also notified the court that he intends to file an amended complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction.

The government lawyers said the "suggestion" contains new matter not contained in Quichocho's original complaint. They said Quichocho proclaims his "intent" to file a first amended complaint, but does not file one, instead interjecting new "facts" through the "suggestion."

The government lawyers said that Quichocho is asking for a TRO and preliminary and permanent injunctive reliefs that are at least partly based on the "facts" alleged in the "suggestion," not those in the complaint.

Because of this, they asked for a status conference in order to set a specific date for Quichocho to file his amended complaint and for the prompt resolution of other matters.

"Defendants aver that, considering the current procedural of the case (pre-service), some guidance is needed from the court to allay the possibility of duplicate and unnecessary briefing and other expenditure of scarce resources on a moving target," the AAGs said.

In his order of self-recusal, Camacho said he informed the parties in the case at the May 16 status conference that Rep. Camacho is his brother and that his recusal may be required.

Rep. Camacho is not listed as a party in the lawsuit.

Judge Camacho said Quichocho told the court that Rep. Camacho may or may not be called as a witness on the issue of whether or not certain legislators and the governor failed to disclose any conflict of interest.

The judge said he recuses himself "on this sole and narrow issue."

Quichocho filed the lawsuit for himself and on behalf of CNMI taxpayers. He is suing Inos and co-defendants for alleged violation of the NMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho asked the court to issue a judgment declaring the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law as unconstitutional and unlawful.

He also sked the court to issue a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, preventing Inos and co-defendants from performing any rights or obligations under the casino law pending the resolution and final disposition of the lawsuit.

He also asked the court to issue a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from performing any rights or obligations under the casino law.

Quichocho is demanding payment of unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and costs.

# Davis seeks $10,237 in attorney's fees, costs

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John H. Davis Jr., who prevailed in his lawsuit against the Commonwealth Election Commission to allow him to vote on Article 12 initiatives, submitted yesterday in federal court his request for attorney's fees and costs in the amount of $10,237.85.

Davis, through counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, said he incurred $9,650 in attorney's fees and $587.85 for filing fee, postage/certified mail for service of summons and complaint, and photocopies of summons, complaint, and exhibits obtained for use in the case.

Rayphand claimed that she spent 48.25 hours in representing Davis in the case.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a summary judgment that favored Davis in his lawsuit.

In a landmark decision, Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not of Northern Marianas descent must have the opportunity to vote on an Article 12 initiative and any other initiative to amend Article 12.

Article 12 restricts the acquisition of permanent and long-term interests in real property to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Davis, a registered voter in the CNMI and a non-NMD, sued the Election Commission and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12.

In her order, Manglona said the case remains open, pending disposition of Davis' request for fees and costs.

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# Simon Sanchez student wins 2014 Congressional Art Competition

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Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo congratulates Shaira Espino on winning the 2014 Congressional Art Competition for Guam, Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Chrysler Showroom Cars Plus, Maite, Guam, along with Amanda Shelton, Bordallo's press secretary; Paula Monk, United Airlines senior manager-sales; and Joyce Crisostomo, Cars Plus executive director.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced yesterday that Shaira Espino, a senior at Simon Sanchez, won the 2014 Congressional Art Competition. Espino's artwork, titled "Guam at Its Peak," was selected as the top entry by a panel of local artists. Espino will now attend a reception on June 25, 2014, at the Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium and Atrium in Washington D.C., courtesy of United Airlines. Her artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol complex.

The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. This year's competition was open to all Guam high schools and featured 30 entries by students from Father Duenas Memorial School, George Washington High School, John F. Kennedy High School, and Simon Sanchez High School.

"I commend our island's high school students and art instructors for their participation in this year's Congressional Art Competition. In particular, I congratulate Shaira and her parents, Diana and Arsenio, and her art instructor, Ron Canos on the selection of her artwork and I wish her the best of luck in the national competition," said Bordallo. "Shaira's artwork entitled 'Guam at its Peak' is an excellent display of her talent, which features historic landmarks and showcases the beauty of our island. I look forward to its prominent display in the U.S. Capitol." ***(PR)***


## Prevention of Alcohol Sales to Minors for Alcohol Retailers Annual Training Requirement

### Class 4 (off Premise) Alcohol Retailers

The NMI Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC) in conjunction with Project Brabu is offering FREE training session on preventing alcohol sales to minors at retail establishments. This training will be offered in Korean, Chinese and English to help store owners and manager's best understand the requirements and be able to ask questions. Attendance by owner/manager or key staff is required renewal of your Alcohol Retailers license.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Owners, Managers or Key Staff of any retail business that offers alcohol for sale. Grocery Stores, Mom & Pop, Supermarkets, Convenience Stores and other retail establisments

**WHY?** Training on the updated NMI ABTC regulations, tips on how to prevent alcohol sales to minors and how to properly ID for alcohol sales in order to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors and preventing violations and the fines associated with selling to underage customers.

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## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

#### May 23, 2006

**Auditors told: More suggestions, less fault-finding**

Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary David Cohen urged public auditors yesterday to provide timely suggestions, rather than reporting on wrongdoing after it has been done. Cohen made this call at the Congress meeting of the South Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions, a gathering of over 30 government auditors from 23 countries. "While we appreciate being told everything we did wrong a year after the fact, wouldn't it be better if you could actually catch us before we mess up?" said Cohen, the keynote speaker at the five-day Congress meeting.

**'Saipan is key to military assistance in Pacific region'**

Being centrally located, Saipan plays very important role for the U.S. military's quick response to any humanitarian needs in the Pacific region, according to an officer of one of the U.S. Navy's maritime prepositioned ships. Chris Davis, chief officer for one of the MPS, cited that Saipan's location is great in that they can immediately proceed to the Philippines, Indonesia, Straits of Malacca, and Thailand if it is needed. Davis underscored the need to have a large presence of MPS on Saipan because it is centrally located for the areas that they operate on.

#### May 23, 2007

**'Fund may be insolvent by 2018'**

With a new law mandating the NMI Retirement Fund to pay the full pension of retirees despite the lack of government remittances, the agency projects it may last only until 2018—a little over 11 years from now. "It is evident that the Fund will continue to dip into its investments to supplement this mandate of paying off 100 percent pension benefits even without receiving the appropriate contributions from the CNMI government. According to a preliminary actuary's estimate, at this level, the Fund will be insolvent by as early as 2018," said Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon. The administration signed into law last week a bill prohibiting the Fund from implementing a proportionate pension payment. The bill was authored by Sen. Pete P. Reyes, a government retiree.

**Over 1,000 GHI members have left program**

Due to increased premiums, more than a thousand members of the government's group health insurance program have left the program since July 2006, leaving fewer active members to support the health care costs of government retirees. In a report to the Executive Branch and the Legislature, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon said more than 1,000 members have left the program since Aetna Global took over the third party administration of the group health insurance program on July 1, 2006. "The program suffered a 1,065 membership cancellation from 4,058," Aguon said. Of the total current membership of 2,993, 52 percent or 1,551 are retirees.

#### May 23, 2008

**Minimum wage hike takes effect Monday**

Effective May 26, 2008, the minimum wage of $3.55 will increase by 50 cents, bringing the new minimum wage to $4.05 an hour and time and one-half or $6.08 for every hour over 40. The wage increase will apply to most house workers, farmers and subsistence farmers. 1) House workers and farmers who do not live with employer must also be paid time and one-half ($6.08) for every hour worked over 40 hours. 2) Live-in house workers and farmers will be exempt from overtime requirements. That means for hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek, they need only be paid $4.05 per hour. Live-in house-workers and farmers still must be paid for every hour worked. 3) Employers of live-in house-workers and farmers may deduct a reasonable amount for room and board of up to $100 for housing and $100 for food per month.

**Too many clients delay Call-A-Ride pickup**

For several months now, the Call-A-Ride program has been picking up clients later than the expected 15-minute pickup time. Tony Chong, director of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, said that a number of people who avail of the Saipan Call-A-Ride Program should not be doing so, causing those who really need the program to be late for work or school. "We see that there are a lot of people who are very mobile but they take advantage of the program. This is a big concern for us," Chong said.

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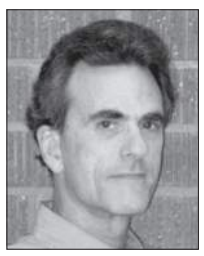
## How an economics professor taught me a life-changing lesson—in literature



**By MILES CORWIN**
Los Angeles Times

*Miles Corwin's most recent book is the crime novel* Midnight Alley. *He teaches literary journalism at UC Irvine. He wrote this for the* Los Angeles Times.

Every spring, during college graduation season, I think about a former professor who uttered two astonishing sentences that changed the course of my life.

I was a disaffected student, attending community college because I didn't have the grades, the money or the motivation to attend a four-year university. I had no real interest in business—my major—but my mother, a typical immigrant, had convinced me it would be the most practical course of study.

My parents didn't know much about college. My mother never had the opportunity to go, and my father's plans to attend college were derailed by World War II. He was an obsessive reader who would have thrived in college, but after more than nine months on the front lines in France, Luxembourg and Germany, his ambition dissipated.

I might not have finished college myself if it hadn't been for a required class in which I had little interest. On a fall morning during my sophomore year, I was seated in a large lecture hall—back row, left corner—for my Econ 1 class. As the professor lectured about macroeconomic theory, I propped up my textbook, slipped the novel "John Barleycorn" by Jack London inside, and began reading.

After about 20 minutes, the professor pushed aside his notes and began walking toward my side of the classroom. Every student but me, I was told later, watched him traverse the aisle toward the back of the lecture hall. I was engrossed in the novel.

When he reached my desk, he slipped behind me, leaned over and snatched the book from my hands. I suddenly realized that every single student in the class was staring at me. I was mortified. My throat went dry and I could hear my heart pounding in my chest.

The professor leafed through a few pages of the novel. The absolute silence in the classroom was terrifying.

Finally, he held the book above his head, waved it and announced in a stentorian tone: "This student won't be spending the rest of his life studying columns of debits and credits. He's interested in literature." He pronounced the last word with genuine reverence.

He handed the book back to me, strolled back down the aisle and resumed his lecture.

I was so stunned, I spent the rest of the class in a daze.

During the next few weeks, I pondered his reaction. If an economics professor valued literature as much as or even more than economics, perhaps there was some real value in all the reading I was doing outside of class. Maybe reading novels wasn't just an escape and a diversion. Maybe the study of literature would be a worthwhile pursuit. And if I could succeed as a literature student, maybe this would lead me in a direction that might enhance my career prospects. I had no idea what career this would be, but I hoped that by the time I finished school, I'd find out.

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## Modi

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Narendra Damodardas Modi is his full name but he is called by his last name, like most in India. He is the new Prime Minister of India after leading the Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, into a decisive victory in the last election. We knew of Janata as the nationalistic party averse to vestiges of foreign imperialism (not difficult to understand since India keeps referring to Sonia Gandhi as an Indian politician rather than the Italian Signora Edvige Antonia Albina Maino that Indira's son Rajiv Gandhi married). The BJP has evolved to be broader in scope and more positively assertive to things Indian rather than just a party of anti-colonial powers.

PM Modi is from Gujarat, southwest of New Delhi and southeast of Pakistan's Karachi, bordering into the Arabian Sea. Lothal would be familiar to those who read their 6th grade Social Studies book at SVES as part of the Indus Valley Civilization that traded with Egypt and Persia in olden times.

Controversial Modi was denied a U.S. visa in 2005. He is not one of Uncle Sam's favored politicians. The Nehru-Gandhi dynasty still prevails (Sonia and Rajul's resignation, President and Vice President, respectively, in the Congress Party was refused after winning only 44 seats in the 534-seat legislature), but the simple vegetarian Modi proved to be an astute politician, visiting Singapore, Japan, and China to establish closer ties with Gujarat, rather than the models of the Western world. (Google Modi's history of leadership as Chief Minister of Gujarat, particularly on his environment and poverty elevation record.)

My interest is not in the politician Modi *per se* as to what he represents in the economic shifting of the world's economy from the global stock market model to more bilateral and multilateral models that emerge when parties in consultation find mutual interests. The powerful axis of Tokyo-New York-London that lords the global economy from their Rolls Royce is finding competition in an emerging multilateral relation of parties who were outside the power circle until now. They are called BRICS but it is not because they operate together in their trade policies that make them a threat to the Western model. It is because they offer an alternative, a thinking-outside-the-box, as it were, to the current situation.

BRICS, for those who do not pay too close attention to *Forbes* and *WSJ*, are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Though a rejuvenated Portugal after Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Lisbon, Brazil has a widely mixed population with the African gene considerably miscegenated with the Amerindian indigene and the Euro immigrants. One only has to listen to the energy of the Afro-European music beat from Recife to Sao Paolo to know in one's bones that doing the samba at the Mardi Gras is more than just a swivel of the hip. Ditto to South Africa, energized by the Boer but chastened on its apartheid history by Soweto. Neither are beholden to EU's clutches.

Due to Crimea in the Ukraine, EU/USA cousins of the Russian descendants of Nicolas and Catherine west of the Urals have been chastised. Vladimir Putin is showing up at the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia this week in Shanghai. Kazakhstan's President Nazarbayev suggested the formation of the forum and consultation body at a UN General Assembly in 1992, with the Secretariat in Almaty. Turkey held the last chairmanship (2012-14) and China hosts the office in the next two years (2014-16).

The Fourth Summit this week has Russia, India, and China comparing notes. (Ukraine and the U.S. hold observer status and we will be forgiven if we note that the NSA already has sufficient data not to be too worried about any surprises!) President Mahinda Rajapaksa of India represents the country so it is too soon to expect any Modified influence on the group.

We note Putin's presence because Russia's current situation helped make a little known fact suddenly relevant. The border town of Suifenhe in Heilongjiang, northwest of Vladivostok, already allows the ruble as legal tender with the renminbi. To be sure, downtowns Harbin and Manzhouli are closer architecturally to Petrogard than Xi'an, and my visits to border towns like Shiwei, Mohe, and Heihe had Chinese-speaking Euro-Russians, and Russian-speaking Chinese, but Europe's pushing away of Putin after Crimea opens the Russian Far East to collaborative endeavors between the erstwhile cool-heeled neighbors. We noticed that border towns do not hesitate to use foreign currencies (including the U$) in their retail transactions. A pipeline for gas and oil is also about to be completed from Russia to Manchuria.

Modi's Gujarat uses Chinese design services for infrastructure. His pet vision of the new Gujarat International Finance Tec City looks like the skyline of Pudong and Beijing. If India, China, and Russia meet more than just to share tea and sympathy in Shanghai, and share the warmth with Brazil and South Africa, we definitely have a new world in our hands.

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# Billions and billions

**By ED STEPHENS**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Visit Ed at EdStephensJr.com. His column runs every Friday.*

While you're enjoying your view of the Pacific during happy hour, here's a deep thought to accompany those still waters: How old is the universe?

Uh, you're asking me? A guy in a beach chair with chili stains on his shirt? I'm no scientist, so how the heck should I know?

Let's turn to the scientists, then. They'll tell you the universe is 13.8 billion years old.

Well, if nothing else, that's a refreshingly user-friendly number. I mean, unlike some of the wacky-big numbers that are associated with things cosmological, 13.8 billion is something we can get our heads around.

For example, there are 7 billion people on earth now. Or, consider that Bill Gates is worth about $77 billion. Lots of other guys weigh in at over a billion bucks these days. So this billion scale isn't the sole domain of scientists, since normal work-a-day people, such as accountants, bankers, analysts, and so on, deal with billions all the time.

But the number isn't the real story. No, the story is the concept behind it. And for that we look back 90 years to an astronomer named Edwin Hubble.

You might recognize that name. It's the "Hubble" that the famous space telescope is named for. The Hubble telescope is always making news for its cool discoveries.

Which is a fitting situation indeed, since Hubble himself was quite the news maker. Back in his days, the common outlook was that our hometown galaxy, the Milky Way, was, in itself, the entire universe. It was sort of like standing on Saipan in the dark and saying Saipan is the only island in the world. Those lights from Tinian? Must be from Saipan, since there's only Saipan.

Telescopes had been around for hundreds of years. So there was no shortage of things observed, nor of people to observe them. But what they lacked was a sense of scale. Sure, they saw lots of stuff, but they had no idea how far away the stars, or groups of stars, were.

Worse yet, they didn't have pizza delivery back then, so they had to pull these all-nighters subsisting on sardines and prunes.

In 1924, Hubble made history by reckoning some distances and by showing that some visible objects were, in fact, entirely separate galaxies. In other words, we're not the only island.

And in 1929, Hubble announced that distant galaxies were moving away from earth, and, not only were they moving away, but that the farther away they were, the faster they were moving.

There's a lot of juice in that statement. It means this: The universe is expanding.

Although neighboring galaxies might clump together based on their mutual gravitational attraction, the big picture is, plain and simple, one of galaxies moving apart.

We're hot on the trail of this age thing, but it's time for some human interest backstory.

Hubble's distance calculations were rooted in an earlier discovery made by a lady from Massachusetts named Henrietta Swan Leavitt. Her efforts went largely unheralded, even though she is the one who provided the key used to open the cosmic lock. Ms. Leavitt passed away, at age 53, in 1921, a few years short of shy of Hubble hitting fame. Leavitt deserves fame, too, but she didn't get it.

OK, let's get back to the action. Where were we? Ah, yes, hot on the trail of this age caper. Let's think in Hollywood terms: If we play the cosmic movie forwards, the galaxies get farther apart from each other as time goes by. We know this because of Hubble.

But what happens if we play the movie in reverse, thus looking backwards in time instead of forwards? Well, the galaxies will get closer and closer to each other as we go earlier and earlier in time. Eventually, of course, the distance between the galaxies hits zero, and everything stops because it can't go any further.

Oh, great. Now what? Did we break the rewind button? No, to the contrary: We just solved the problem.

It's solved because when everything squishes together into a single point you can't run the movie back anymore. You've hit the beginning. If you note the time stamp on this scene, then you know when it all started.

And that's pretty much what the scientists did. They used mathematics as a virtual rewind button. Time stamp: 13.8 billion years ago. Name of single point: Big Bang. Mission: accomplished!

But wait, there's more: As an extra bonus, the Big Bang also demarks the starting point for time itself. The go-to guy for this stuff is the physicist Stephen Hawking, and here's what he said: "The concept of time has no meaning before the beginning of the universe."

Actually, according to my calculations, the concept of time has no meaning until the car is paid off and you've accrued 20 days of vacation on the books.

But let's not sweat those details now. After all, having traveled all the way back to the beginning of time today, you probably want to resume happy hour.

So go ahead and order another round. Unless, that is, you'd prefer prunes.

# Leaping off Casino Cliff

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the* Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Taking an anti-casino position didn't spin out of thin air nor is it just another stubborn contrarian view for the sake of heedless spouting.

It is deeply rooted in insightful intuition: What does it all mean for the future of our people and island. It is a moral conviction to retain "our way of life" with a true sense of peace and tranquility. This is home! It isn't just another place in the sun and not ready either to surrender it to organized criminal elements.

Research work and thorough analysis reveal trends in the casino industry across the country. I wanted to understand the beast, specifically, is it in fact the savior of bankruptcy? Well, the unexpected sunset finally sets at dusk and it is no longer the powerful source of revenue it used to be. Projections have withered and are headed Deep South between California and New Jersey. Nearby competition has definitely saturated the industry.

Of course, it's hard stopping the happy carnival of public officials being wined and dined somewhere by wealthy casino industry executives as they mouth off the lure of millions of dollars the industry would bring to the island. But the cabal will never speak of the flip side of the issue, e.g., how the industry (when projections fail) turns to the poor to support its operations. We would be living not paycheck-to-paycheck but useless check stub to check stub. The humiliating betrayal of your people has heightened to the level of atrocity. Appalling!

Casino executives would make off with their loot from the back of our poor as it pays off politicians their loot to keep the flock happy slaves in obedience. Can you imagine our future under such dictates? If ever we sink into this situation it would take years to weed out the fatal seed of corruption from our midst. Many would eventually leave the island in search of the peace of paradise elsewhere.

An issue of such magnitude requires seeing beyond dollar signs and simplistic spouts of millions of dollars that will never be realized. After all, we never surrendered nor assigned our voice when twice we shot down casino in recent past.

Someone used the disoriented assertion of global confidence in casino investment here. Headed by the Asian organized crime? Furthermore, how many global corporations are run by organized crime? Is the business of organized crime the new fad in global economics? It's a vacuous assertion that promotes intellectual dishonesty!

Now, here are examples of the new trend in the casino industry across the U.S. mainland.

■ Six years ago, Ohio taxpayers were told casino would generate $1.9 billion in annual revenue. After the first year, it only generated $836 million or short by $1 billion. Ooops!

■ New Hampshire shot down casino. Its legislators are paid $100 per year and aren't beholden to special interest. They fully understand that a public policy built around inducing residents to gamble away their hard-earned money is a bad way to fund the government.

■ Delaware found out the hard way that casino isn't the savior to improve revenue generation. It recently gave its casino $8 million in subsidy. Have other businesses been given such concession when profits drop? Lawmakers are scrambling to prop it up. It goes to show that the House always wins.

■ Atlantic City has seen revenues decline by 45 percent since 2006.

■ Other areas where casino revenues plunged include Detroit, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Connecticut, and Illinois.

■ Competition in the industry turns into cannibalizing among casinos.

■ There are heavy increases in suicide, prostitution, heinous crime and family bankruptcy, among others.

Policymakers should have done due diligence peeking into the wisdom of establishing an industry here that has begun to reach saturation point across the country and soon in the Asian region. Japan would establish her casino industry in 2020 while others perk up services nearby like Macau, Singapore, the Philippines, and South Korea. Our baby casino would begin the quick journey into permanent bankruptcy!

### Casino in swampland

The petition to place the initiative on the ballot to repeal the casino law has picked powerful steam islandwide. For those who think it won't get anywhere, think again and think hard. The proposed repeal goes in tandem with the puncturing of your political career with a final exclamation mark (!) after the word, history.

It's the spiritual conscience of our people who treasure traditional values versus politicians who never understood the importance of gravitas—integrity to leadership—thus the decision to sell the people and island for 30 silvers.

Indeed, there are a lot of educated and fully informed folks here who believe and appreciate the essentials of building strong local communities that cultivate civic engagement, public leadership, and many of the other goods that contribute to a flourishing human life. Do we, in losing our conviction, lose the crucial basis for healthy and resilient cultural identity, and the cultivation of public virtues?

The dangers of cultural genocide is real and repealing the casino law is the way to restore infusion of intelligent public policy so we can begin addressing our issues and needs constructively. This is done by means of reasonable democratic process that would attract public support.

You never learned to "listen," a highly important tool of leadership, nor make the effort to be mindful of the desire of your people on this issue. Obviously, you never learned to realize your egregious mistake, much less admit it. It's a tale that you don't deserve the office you now occupy.

Your heinous disregard for the voice of "we the people" you have decided to ignore and trash with raw arrogance will be reciprocated this November.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Dear Mr. JD Camacho

As the school president, speech coach, and mentor of Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, I feel I must respond to your letter to the editor regarding the speech prepared by her and her speech team for the 30th Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition.

To begin with, you clearly misunderstood where she was coming from. As opposed to the "proselytizing tone" you accused her of taking against the CNMI people, she was very graceful in reaching out to everyone in the CNMI, including members of the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., with whom she expressed her empathy and understanding. In fact, she went so far as to say, "As a Filipino, I think it's important that we do not dismiss…[the] cultural anxieties [of the indigenous people] as racist or xenophobic." That statement is far from proselytizing.

Furthermore, your assertion that "her simplistic views that our local/U. S. law [sic]…are unjustified" is in and of itself unjustified. She and her speech team offered a critique of the U.S. immigration system that was very much justified by extensive research they conducted for almost three months. In addition to quoting former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, they cited a credible report from the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office that enumerated all the economic benefits of immigration reform.

Their position is further justified by broad support for immigration reform. For example, according to the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, "The overriding impact of immigrants is to strengthen and enrich American culture, increase the total output of the econo-

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## Micronesia

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| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼79 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼80 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼81 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼80 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼79 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼79 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

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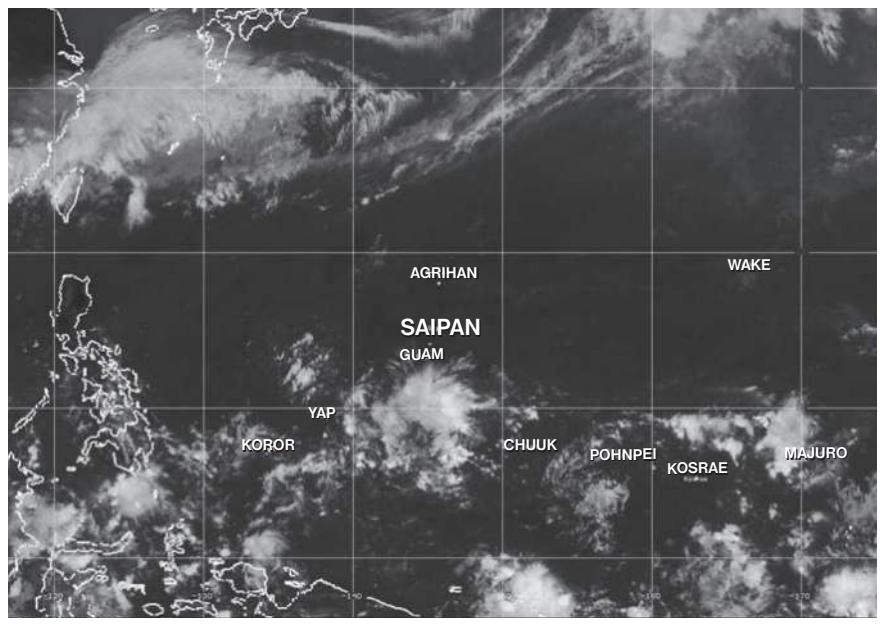
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Windy | ▲65 | ▼58 |
| Beijing | Showers | ▲79 | ▼63 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲83 | ▼78 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲83 | ▼73 |
| London | Showers | ▲67 | ▼51 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲75 | ▼59 |
| Manila | Partly Cloudy | ▲94 | ▼80 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Cloudy | ▲65 | ▼52 |
| Miami | Sunny | ▲87 | ▼73 |
| New York | Showers | ▲62 | ▼54 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲79 | ▼62 |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼52 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼62 |
| Rome | Rain | ▲73 | ▼62 |
| Salem | Cloudy | ▲73 | ▼52 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼56 |
| Seoul | Mostly Cloudy | ▲82 | ▼61 |
| Tokyo | Mostly Sunny | ▲75 | ▼65 |
| Washington, DC | Showers | ▲75 | ▼56 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A nearly stationary front cuts west-southwestward across the discussion area from near Iwo Jima at 25N142e to beyond 130E at 23N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are occurring along the front and northward to beyond 25N. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Guam between 5N and 12N from 140E to 148E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Majuro and Kwajalein within 120 miles of a line from 10N163E to 8N170E. Similar weather is present over Butaritari and Tarawa atolls or south of a line from 2N170E to 5N180.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4:03 AM | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 10:42 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.6 Feet |
| 4:14 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 10:17 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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| Today | 5:47 AM | 6:41 PM |
| Saturday | 5:47 AM | 6:41 PM |
| Sunday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Monday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:46 AM | 6:42 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 1:22 AM | 1:43 PM |
| Saturday | 2:07 AM | 2:38 PM |
| Sunday | 2:51 AM | 3:33 PM |
| Monday | 3:36 AM | 4:27 PM |
| Tuesday | 4:23 AM | 5:21 PM |

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| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 7:05pm | 7:55pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:50pm | 11:40pm | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

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| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 3:05pm | 6, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

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| UA5039 | 3:35pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)**

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| DL287 | 6:05am | 11:20pm | 2, 6 via NRT |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

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| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

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| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

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| MU764A | 3:30am | 7:30am | 4, 7 |
| MU764 | 4:00am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

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**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/473 | 6:05am | 10:00pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
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| UA5039/183 | 2:30pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 5 via GUM |
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| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
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| UA5078/179 | 3:20pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN |

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**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

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| UA5038 | 1:10pm | 1:45pm | 2, 4 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

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| UA5038 | 2:15pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 |

**PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN**

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| DL298 | 4:30am | 3:00pm | 3, 7 via NRT |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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| MU763A | 6:50pm | 2:30am+1 | 3, 6 |
| MU763 | 7:20am | 3:00am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ704/603 | 12:10am | 2:20pm | 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN |
| DL172/288 | 7:55am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:20pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
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| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 11:30pm | 2:00pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Rota |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ746/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
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| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 2:00pm+1 | 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5038 | 9:55pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

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## CAMACHO

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my, and raise the standard of living of American citizens."

Support for immigration reform has also been voiced by the Catholic Church. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, has urged the U.S. Congress and the President to act on immigration reform. As he said, "Our current policies are breaking up families in the name of enforcing our laws. That should not be. We should be reuniting and strengthening families—not separating wives from husbands and children from their parents." Archbishop Gomez added, "Congress and the President have a responsibility to come together to enact reform that corrects this humanitarian problem, respects the dignity and hard work of our immigrant brothers and sisters, and reflects America's proud history as a hospitable society and a welcoming culture."

Former Republican governor of Florida and 2018 presidential hopeful Jeb Bush has even said this about immigration: "Someone who comes to our country because they couldn't come legally, they come to our country because their families—the dad who loved their children—was worried that their children didn't have food on the table. And they wanted to make sure their family was intact, and they crossed the border because they had no other means to work to be able to provide for their family. Yes, they broke the law, but it's not a felony. It's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family." It is from that humane standpoint that Gov. Bush supports immigration reform.

Despite all this support for immigration reform, I admit that it may not be politically viable in this election year. However, as you can see, politically viable or not, Ms. Lazaro and her speech team are not alone in their support of immigration reform.

Likewise, you are not alone in your opposition to immigration reform, and we respect your position. However, we should not mistake the so-called "perks and benefits" offered to foreign workers as the kind of island hospitality that they, foreigners, must revere and that we, locals, can take away at will. Just because you invite a guest into your home does not make it right to treat that guest like an animal that is expected to fawn over you and that you can kick out at anytime. And do not mistake that guest's desire to stay in your home for his family's sake as him overstaying his welcome. As Governor Bush put it, they are not doing so to abuse your hospitality; rather, they do it as an act of love. As a father myself, I certainly do not begrudge parents who want nothing but the best for their children.

Besides, whose home is it anyway? Can we, the indigenous people of the CNMI, honestly call these islands home when so many of us have left "for the states," and those of who have stayed have often elected leaders that ruin our islands? That's like saying you are the only one entitled to own a home that you yourself abandoned and ruined, even though others are ready and eager to help you repair and upgrade that home for all to enjoy.

No, to me, as the saying goes, "Home is where the heart is." Or, as Ms. Lazaro said, "A Filipino who gives up the bright lights, big city of the states for his humble home in As Lito has more in common with the Chamorro who has lived in Chalan Kanoa all his life than he does with his *Pinoys* back in the province, or the local who moved to Boise, Idaho, many years ago."

That's why it saddens me that you, or anyone else, would dismiss Ms. Lazaro as an outsider who has no right to call these islands her home. As an indigenous person myself, I am embarrassed and hurt that you would treat her and her family that way, especially when she articulated a very sophisticated and nuanced solution to the anxieties of the CNMI's indigenous people. She called for a kind of immigration reform that would help "make Chamorros and Carolinians, [become] once again, the majority of the population."

As indigenous people, we should reciprocate Ms. Lazaro's empathy, compassion, and humanity with what is at the core of my Chamorro culture: *respetu*.

Mr. Camacho, I know you share this core value of our Chamorro heritage. I know you must be a respectful man of integrity who is only doing what he can to help his people, and that is something that I deeply respect.

But we must not let our fight for our people lead us down the wrong path. Just like you and many other indigenous people, I am afraid about the future of our people and our islands. I fear that we are losing hold of our language, our culture, and our home. However, as afraid as I am, I cannot help but take to heart what a very wise sage once said: "Fear leads to anger; anger leads to hate; hate leads to suffering."

My great-grandfather understood this.

Gregorio Kilili Sablan endured the colonial rule of the Germans and the Japanese. In the Japanese administration, he was held under house arrest and accused of being an American spy. He barely survived the World War II campaign on Saipan, seeing hundreds of family members and friends die in the cold, dark caves of Marpi.

But despite all that tragedy and all that loss, he didn't give into fear. He emerged from the aftermath of war with neither anger nor hatred in his heart, but with love and compassion for everyone in our islands. He didn't chase anyone away—not the Okinawan and Korean laborers who were left behind, nor the Japanese citizens who chose life over suicide, nor the American soldiers who were thousands of miles away from their loved ones, nor Chamorros who came here from Guam, nor anyone else who survived the tragedy of war.

As one of the first post-war leaders of our islands, my great-grandfather knew that the only way we could recover from the death and carnage of war was by working together, as Ms. Lazaro put it, "not as aliens, not as indigenous, but as human beings, who share the same hopes and aspirations for a better future for ourselves, for our families, and for our islands."

My great-grandfather welcomed all. He led all. He loved all

So should we.

**Galvin Deleon Guerrero**
*Garapan, Saipan*


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Sorry, no chance for you, governor

I don't know why those who voted against the casino are being so quiet but someone needs to speak out publicly to the governor on behalf of the people. I really don't like doing this and there is no disrespect intended, governor, but this is about the future welfare of all the people and children in the CNMI and the supreme principle of respecting the people. A lesson must be taught or it will happen again, which is something we all learn during childhood! The governor never gave us a chance and I couldn't believe the governor was asking people to give casinos a chance. Where was he when we the people said no? The governor thought the first lawsuit was funny and even joked that he expected more; well he is finally getting it with the second one being filed that no really means no when the majority speaks and we are not laughing!

He didn't really ask for support before he shoved the casino down our throats and his plea for support now is certainly too darn late for his casino, his bid to be governor, and the people in his party who are tied directly to the casino. They are all clearly caught in the middle of a flowing and soon-to-be raging stream without a paddle or a life vest figuratively (no real support in the community, just party and casino loyalist).

It is now becoming even clearer why the governor didn't want the feasibility study because it would have exposed all kinds of challenges we needed to address before the casino law was even written. Just think about it voters, for 10 years this administration has been pushing casinos and they never even determined a site! Are you kidding me? Voters are not stupid and they know if you are going to build a 2,000-room hotel/casino complex, the first thing you need to do is to determine where you are going to put it. Talking about putting the cart in front of the horse and trying to go somewhere—what an ugly joke on voters. This is something my 8-year-old granddaughter would call ridiculous.

I told you so readers and it is all coming true down our throats. How do the casinos taste, with all this controversy and we haven't even swallowed one dime to help the retirees or the people yet. Just wait, it is going to get worse before it gets better because even if we get to use the $30 million, that money is only a temporary band-aid. It will take years to build the casino and we see future revenues. So hold on to your dollars and spend them wisely because the casino band-aid will only last past this election season!

Voters only got half of the job done in the last election. Voters did prune and cut off the top of the fruitless tree, hoping it would bloom and bear fruit but it is now becoming crystal clear that the rest of the tree still remains fruitless. I think it is clear to most of us now given the casino rush job and the lack of any planning, the casino political play for the biggest voting bloc (retirees) to get their vote will not work!

**Ambrose M Bennett**
*Kagman, Saipan*

# Being part of the problem

This letter is in response to Lino M. Olopai's letter in the *Saipan Tribune* on May 20 to David M. Sablan. You say you are insulted by Mr. Sablan's letter and position. I would try to insult you but I have never met a bigot that could be insulted so with all due respect, Mr. Olopai, you are part of the problem, not part of the solution. This Article 12 issue has been studied to death. The American flag flies over the island and the U.S. did away with classes long ago. Klans are OK as long as they don't discriminate but they usually do, i.e., the KKK. There are only two classes on the planet, the rich class and the everybody-else class and no one here belongs to the rich class.

Believe what you want but don't force others to believe it too. You sound old so what you want just might be out of sync with the younger generation who want a good education, vocational or academic, and a decent job so they can raise their family with dignity. You as an elder, apparently, have been remiss in making sure the young Carolinians get either, since I rarely see a picture showing excellence in any form from your community in the papers. You can sail a canoe and fish. Can you pilot a jet plane or design a building or try to heal the divisions in this community? You might start with education.

This isn't 1814, it's 2014 and times have changed, you need to consider changing too.

**Gary DuBrall**
*Chalan Piao, Saipan*

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## ECONOMICS

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I changed my major to English, raised my grades and transferred to UC Santa Barbara. I appreciated school for the first time, and I discovered that a love of reading translated to an affinity for writing. I attended graduate school in journalism and embarked on a career as a newspaper reporter, including two decades at the *Los Angeles Times*. I eventually left daily journalism to write books.

Last month, after telling this story to group of college students, I decided to give the professor a call. I could only recalled his last name, so I contacted a member of the faculty alumni association. He put me in touch with David Kaplan, who is 83; he retired 14 years ago.

The first thing I asked Kaplan was whether he remembered our encounter. He did not.

"But it doesn't surprise me that I'd respond like that," he said. "It reflects what I was thinking about at the time and what I was going through, personally."

After obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in economics at UCLA and teaching the subject for a decade at Santa Monica College, Kaplan had come to the conclusion that his education was narrow and incomplete. He began taking literature classes at UCLA and reading widely on his own.

Kaplan continued teaching economics, and to believe in the need for practical majors such as business. But he also began to think that university officials who de-emphasized the humanities, and students who dismissed their significance, were misdirected.

Economic theory is important, he told me, but reading authors such as Tolstoy, Chekhov, Dickens, Shakespeare and Wordsworth has a different and equally important kind of worth, shaping students' values and deepening their understanding of life. The writing, critical thinking skills and appreciation for creativity that students learn as liberal arts majors, Kaplan said, will enrich their lives and also serve them well in a variety of careers, including business.

"I probably reacted to you the way I did because I believe that reading a novel is as valuable as a dry economics lecture," he said, "and the themes might resonate more and, ultimately, have a greater impact on your life."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 27, 28, and 30, from 9am to 3pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities. ***(PR)***

### 1 Saipan beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Sugar Dock and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from the site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

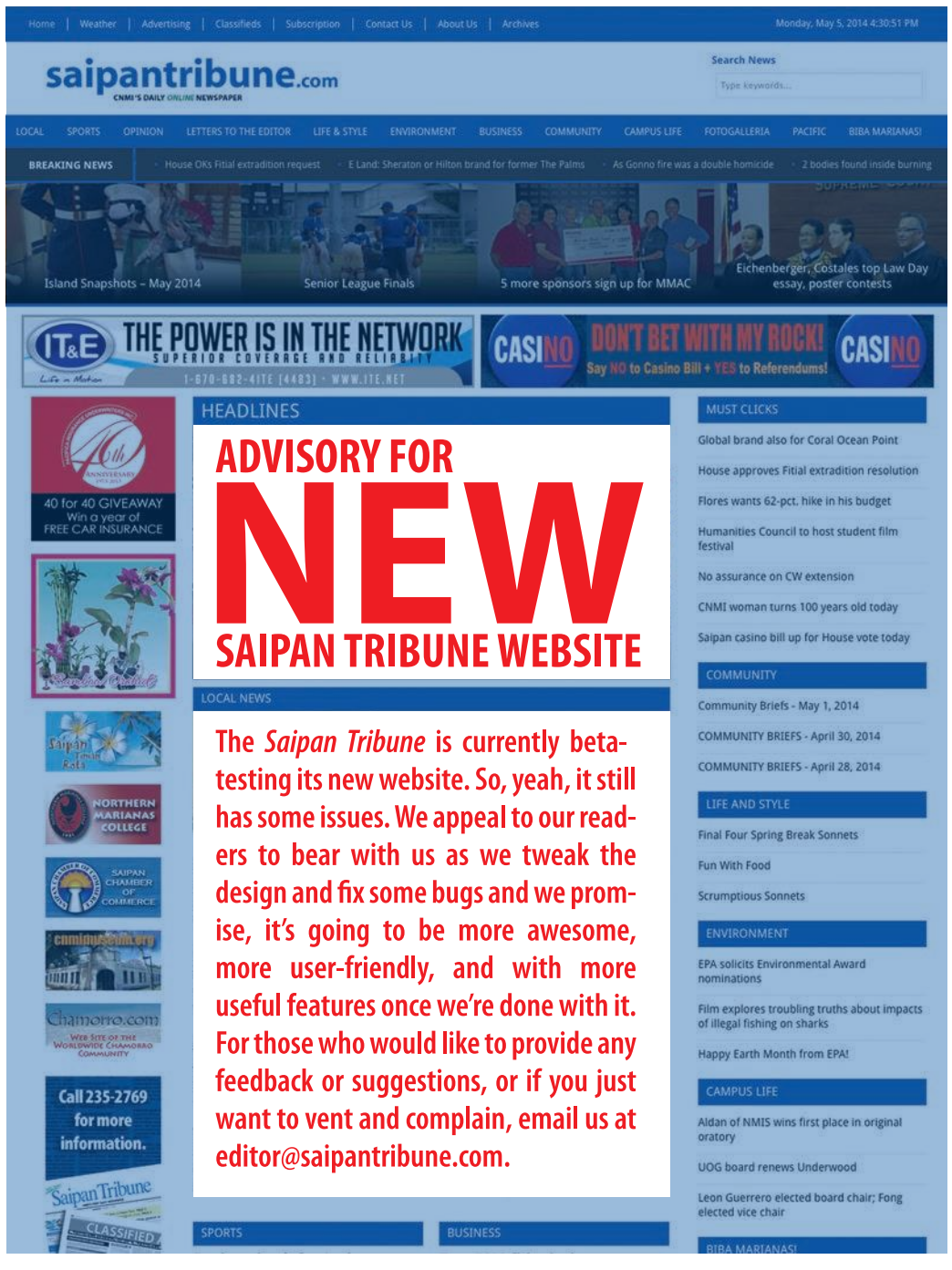
DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

### MHS Class of 1984 30th Reunion Mass, gathering

This is to inform the MHS Class of 1984 that there will be a 30th year Reunion Mass on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Kristo Rai Church at 6pm. All class alumni are invited to attend. Also, the 30th year reunion gathering will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at 6pm at the Kanoa Resort. Admission is $25 per person. Call Roy Pangelinan at 287-7697 or Diego Masga 287-1065 for more info. ***(PR)***

### GOP Kickoff Rally for Precinct 3 today

On behalf of the Precinct 3 GOP candidates and members of the Precinct 3 Club, Precinct 3 chair Donald Barcinas said the Kickoff Rally for Precinct 3 will take place today, May 23, 2014, at 6pm at the Beach Pavilion behind McDonald's in Garapan, Saipan. Waving starts at 4:30pm at the Microl Intersection on Beach Road in San Jose. We are inviting all Republican Party candidates, families, friends, and supporters to come join us at the Waving and the Kick Off Rally. ***(PR)***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# 9 to participate in bartender's cocktail competition

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Nine participants will challenge each other in a cocktail concoction competition this Saturday, May 24, at the Taste of the Marianas Food Festival and Beer Garden at the American Memorial Park.

The theme for this year's cocktail competition is "Bacardi Superior Mojito Cocktail Challenge."

Northern Marianas Bartender Association chair Lito Espino said that judging would be based on originality, neatness, impact on audience, showmanship, taste, and overall performance.

"Aside from the competition, participants will have to concoct one cocktail mixed with Aloha drinks and the judges will do the selection," Espino said.

He said the participants will wear a T-shirt with the print "Bacardi Superior" and are allowed to use free pouring technique on alcohol ingredients.

Participants are not allowed to use ingredients such as ice cream, chocolate syrup, decorations, and non-edible garnish.

There will be a time limit of five minutes, during which contestants must prepare one for display and four for tasting.

Prizes will include trophies and medals. One contestant will be declared the champion, followed by first, second, and third placers.

The champion will get a cell phone from IT&E, a gift from Duty Free Shoppers Saipan, a Marpac gift, Coca-Cola products, and a $150 cash prize.

All first to third placers will also receive gifts from DFS, IT&E, and Marpac but the first place winner will get $75 cash, second will receive $50, while third place will receive in-kind gifts.

Prizes will also be given to the best in taste, best in showmanship, and best in props and costumes.

Four judges will select the best drink and do the scoring for the competition, while two members of the United Filipino Organizations will be tabulators.

Sponsors for the event include the Marianas Visitors Authority, Marpac, Bacardi Superior, DFS Saipan, IT&E, Coca-Cola, The Coffee Room N-106, Armatech, and UFO.

Espino would like to give special thanks to Mariana Resort and Spa and Pacific Island Clubs for contributing gift certificates as prizes.

# Free oral health screening at SDA

The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic is offering free screenings for those who want to check their oral health.

SDA clinic director Dr. Kenneth Pierson said the screening is open to any person who feels that they might need something checked.

"If they have some question about their mouth, or worried about a sore that hasn't healed, we will have them come in and just take a look," Pierson said. "As far as treatment goes, from just looking at something, you can tell whether it looks suspicious or not."

The screening will determine whether anything is going on or if they need a follow up. "If it hasn't healed in two weeks then you've got to follow it up," Pierson said.

If it were something that is critical and should be followed up, Pierson said they would recommend a biopsy, a medical test commonly performed by a surgeon or an interventional radiologist involving sampling of cells or tissues for examination.

"What we will do is a biopsy and take a sample and we would send it to the pathologists and will then look it through a microscope and then at that point they would diagnose at a cellular level whether it is cancerous or not," Pierson said.

Pierson said if the patient does have oral cancer, they would be referred to an off-island center that does cancer treatment.

For more information on SDA's free oral health cancer screening, contact SDA at 234-6323. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

# Williams graduates from Creighton U

**OMAHA, NE**—Heartim Williams of Saipan was awarded a bachelor of science from the College of Arts and Sciences during Creighton University's commencement ceremony on May 17, 2014, at the CenturyLink Center Omaha. University president Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., presided.

Lannon, a 1973 graduate of the university, is the first alumnus to serve as president of Creighton. About 1,600 degrees were conferred during Creighton University's spring commencement.

Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., enrolls 4,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate and professional students among nine schools and colleges. ***(PR)***


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**#2**
- ***Myth:*** *People with mental illness aren't able to work.*
- ***Fact:*** *We probably all work with someone experiencing a mental health problem.*

**#3**
- ***Myth:*** *People with mental health illnesses are usually violent and unpredictable.*
- ***Fact:*** *People with a mental illness are more likely to be a victim of violence.*

**#4**
- ***Myth:*** *People with mental health problems don't experience discrimination*
- ***Fact:*** *9 out of 10 people with mental health problems experience stigma and discrimination.*

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For more information, contact the Community Guidance Center at (670) 323-6560/61.

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**GOOD JOB!**
Congratulations to Koniko Masga Nakazato on your BA in Special Education and Jemma Quitugua Manibo on your AA in Liberal Arts! The two will be graduating on Saturday, May 24, 2014, with the NMC Class of 2014. We love you both! Greetings come from the family and most especially TJ, Peleni, Mitsue, and Sara.

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Congratulations to Pauline Mendiola and Juan Iguel on your graduation from NMC! Good luck in your educational goals. Advanced happy birthday also to you, Juan. God bless you both. We love you! Greetings come from the Dandaners.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 6th birthday our princess, Romalie Neitiana! May God bless you always and many more birthdays to come. We love you very much and we hope your day is filled with lots of blessings and love. Enjoy and may god continue to bless you always! Love, brother Eric and sister DonDon. Greetings also come from Princy.

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Wishing you, Rudy Jr. Seman Kaipat, a very happy birthday. May God bless you always and many more birthdays to come. We love you.

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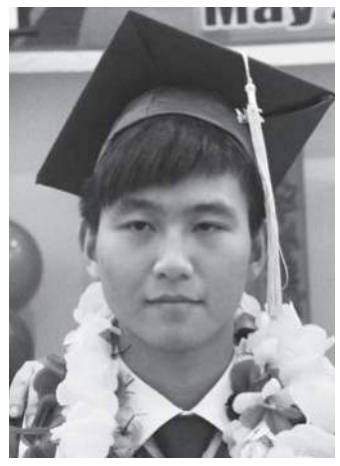
# Agape Christian School graduates 15 students

**JOHN EDSEL HINOLAN**
Valedictorian for K5

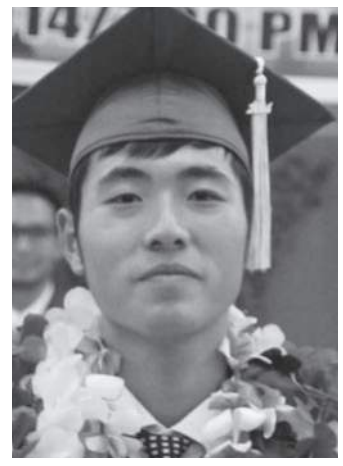
**AINSLEY ANCHETA**
Salutatorian for K5

**BEI BEI CHEN**
Valedictorian for 8th grade

**DAWEI CAI**
Salutatorian for 8th grade



**ALLEN GUO**
Valedictorian for seniors



**ELIJAH LI**
Salutatorian for seniors

**By JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

As family, friends, and teachers cheered from their chapel seats, 15 students received their diplomas Wednesday, May 21, from Agape Christian School. The graduates included five from K5, four eighth grade students, and six seniors.

The school's 7th commencement exercise featured reflections from two top students among all three divisions of graduates, keynote speaker Christian Bendo from Guam, Rev. Kok H. Pang, school principal Jimeian Pang, and a special guitar performance by Alen Guo, who is one of the graduating seniors.

John Edsel Hinolan was hailed the valedictorian and Ainsley Ancheta as the salutatorian for K5. For the eighth grade, Bei Bei Chen was valedictorian and Dawei Cai was salutatorian. Senior valedictorian was Allen Guo and Elijah Li was salutatorian.

School principal Pang congratulated the graduates for committing to their future and to their work, family, and community to make it to graduation day. She told the graduates to always keep God in mind and achieve greater.

"It is with great pleasure to present the graduates for Agape Christian School and I encourage them to keep reading the Bible and they'll find the answers, keep it close, and always pray no matter how busy they are," Pang said.

Bendo told all the students to remember to always work hard, study hard, and pursue wisdom.

"We all should pursue wisdom because you may have knowledge but you lack wisdom, but with wisdom you can accomplish more achievements in the future," he said.

Chen said that she tried to find true friendship during her school years at Agape School.

"I learned about God and more viable lessons during the two years. I had great teachers that I would not forget and what they have done for me," Chen said.

Chen said that she was born to a non-Christian family, but her mother introduced her to a Christian school. She also narrated how she struggled to find a school to study abroad but when she finally got the chance she chose Saipan.

Chen noted that she would continue at Agape because "it is my home now."

Guo is sad to leave the school behind. "We got to know each other during high school," he said. "Those memories will never leave me and I am grateful to the people who accompanied us down this road to success."

The commencement exercise was followed by a banquet.

Agape's 2014 commencement exercises included K5 students John Edsel Hinolan, Ainsley Ancheta, Jiahang Wu, Raisele Gie Santillan, Yinan Jiang. Eighth grade students included Bei Bei Chen, Dawei Cai, Alan Yang Tudela, and Chenxi Song. Seniors included Allen Guo, Elijah Li, Esther Xie, Jonah Lai, Joseph Yang, and Enoch Huang.

# Google Maps to take Street View photos of Saipan roads next week

Google Maps will start conducting a mapping and "Street Views" photography for primary roads on Saipan next week, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

He said this Google Maps' initiative will enable people who are planning to visit the CNMI to check out the islands first on the Internet.

"People who may be searching or those who are traveling may want to have a look around," he said.

Tenorio said the Google team will be mounting their equipment on a truck and will conduct the initial photographing of roads.

"They will be doing it deliberately and what the camera catches is very high resolution," he said.

The Google team had already mapped Tinian and Rota, including some of the companies based there.

In an earlier statement, MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman said that it is "our opportunity to put our best foot forward."

"It may be years before these street scenes are filmed again, so we need to make every effort 'now' to clean up and present our best," Bateman said.

Tenorio said that MVA is asking the support of the government and the community to ensure that the island is at its best condition.

Bateman said that everyone, from building owners to students at bus stops, can help by "painting, picking up trash, and taking pride in our neighborhoods."

Google Maps is an application for Android devices, iPhone, iPads.

After mapping Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, "Street Viewing" will be searchable on the application.

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**Radio Tourism Trivia**

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**Saturday, May 24, 2014**

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| 6:00 p.m. | Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band |
| 6:30 p.m. | Item Nine |
| 7 :00p.m. | Nenpou Shinkyo |
| 7:30 p.m. | Pacific Flower |
| 8:30 p.m. | Saipan Southern High Chamoritas |
| 9:00 p.m. | Kagman High School Warriors |
| 9:30 p.m. | Fusion Fried Rice |
| 10:00 p.m | Closing |

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9. Herman's Modern Bakery
10. Hula Girl/3's Inc.
11. Thai House Restaurant
12. Poon's Restaurant
13. Tropical Chill
14. Mariana Resort & Spa

**Beer Garden Vendors**

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**TAN HOLDINGS DONATION**
Tan Holdings makes a $2,000 donation to PDM (Paseo de Marianas) Promoters last Tuesday, May 20. The donation was well received by Misako Kamata and members of the Saipan Awaodori Team dance group.
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# Flores kicks off fundraiser tonight

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores will kick off his first fundraiser tonight at the Pacific Island Club's Magellan Restaurant at 6pm.

Re-election for Flores committee chair James Cabrera is inviting the public to attend tonight's event.

Tickets are $50 per person and the dinner will be prime rib and seafood buffet.

"Music will be provided so please come down and join us for a fun, nice evening," said Cabrera.

Flores is seeking re-election in this November's general polls. He is running as an independent candidate.

Flores said that he would like to extend his appreciation and gratitude to his friends, family and most of all his supporters.

"They have stood by me over the years and have given me the encouragement and motivation to continue serving our community," he said.

Flores cites as one of his accomplishments the $413,000 grant he secured from the Office of Insular Affairs to purchase heavy equipment.

With the grant money, Flores said he intends to immediately procure the much-needed equipment that will enable his office to address various village concerns and serve the community effectively and efficiently. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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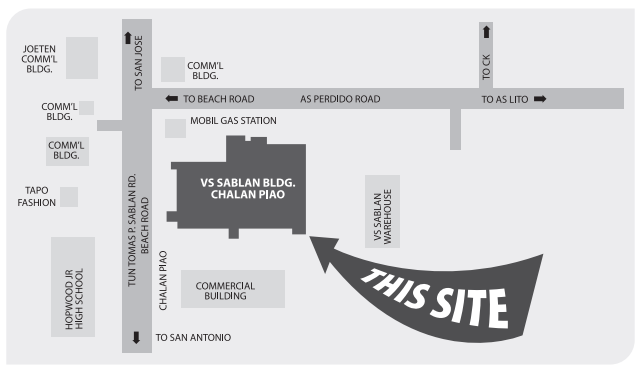


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**PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-14/PORT OF TINIAN**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Tinian Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning April 30, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-009-14" (Port of Tinian). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, May 30, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Tinian on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Tinian Airport CPA office. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Tinian Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the 2012 Port Security Grant Program and CPA.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Xerox hosts open house to celebrate milestones

JAYSON CAMACHO

Xerox is celebrating 38 years on Saipan and 48 years in Guam. From left to right: Xerox Saipan service and solution executive Nola K. Hix, Xerox Hawaii office solutions specialist David Ariyoshi, Xerox Saipan office administrative assistant Jeniseann Cruz-Rideb, Xerox Guam & Micronesia general manager Pamela Quinata, and Xerox Saipan senior customer service engineer Mark James.

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Xerox Corp. Saipan celebrated 38 years of operation on Saipan and 48 years in Guam on Tuesday, May 20, with an open house at their office in Garapan.

The open house was held to showcase Xerox's newly renovated office and provide businesses and customers with updates on their products and services.

Pamela Quinata, Xerox Guam and Micronesia general manager, said: "I am very pleased to be here and wish to stay on Saipan longer because the people here are great and would like to thank our customers for their support and services."

Aside from Quinata, Xerox Hawaii's office solutions specialist David Ariyoshi also attended the special occasion.

Guests on Tuesday were given the opportunity to shoot pictures and get them printed right away with the assistance of Xerox Saipan senior customer service engineer Mark James.

Xerox Saipan's service and solutions executive Nola Hix said she is proud of the company's track record of doing business in the CNMI for over 38 years.

"We thank all our customers for their continued support. We show our support through our presence in the community and commitment to several nonprofit organizations," Hix said.

Hix noted that Xerox is the world's leader in document and business process management.

"Technology creates a change and we want to be sure you can experience the latest and greatest products for an efficient office environment," Hix said.

"We value our customers' satisfaction since it is the basis of our success so we hope to share these successes in the CNMI for many years to come," she added.

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**Workshop Venue:**
Pacific Island Club's "Charley's," The Island of Saipan
Seating limited to 100 people. Please register early.

Send registration forms to jfostertraining@hotmail.com (Subject Block Title "DSM V Registration") or call (671) 777-0292 for over the phone registration. Payments can be made with cash, check (make checks payable to J. Foster's Training Solutions) at the Bank of Guam or approved purchase orders (send P.O. to me). Please call Ms. Tiara Evangelista at 670-323-6560/1 if you need further clarification.

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- Saipan Community School calendar year consists of 180 days and follows the official Public School System calendar as much as possible.
- The Elementary school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:10 p.m. The Junior High school day begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

# Taiwan firm offers 20-year PPA for public hospital

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board is considering a 20-year power purchase agreement with a Taiwan-based company to lower the public hospital's utility costs.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the CHCC board approved two years ago a purchase power deal for Taiwan-based DSTech to install solar panels in the vicinity of the hospital. But for unclear reasons, this agreement didn't materialize.

This time, the CHCC board is interested in pushing this "stalled agreement" and allowed the same company to bring the proposal back to the table.

Herman P. Sablan, DSTech's local representative, disclosed during Tuesday's meeting that the company remains committed to helping the CHCC, especially in this time of financial distress coupled with its unpaid obligations to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

He said the "pre-approved" PPA would save CHCC an estimated $90,000 a month. Based on the proposal, the 20-year PPA will cost CHCC a monthly payment of about $230,000.

"We offer 23 cents per kWh. Two years ago, the demand at CHCC was between 1.5MW and 1.8MW. This demand had increased significantly to about 2.5MW at present. From monthly billing then of $230,000, the cost also increased to $539,000 at present. So I think the situation has gotten worse here…and this company wants to help," Sablan told the board.

DSTEch, it was learned, earlier proposed to put in place solar panels that will produce 5MW, about 30 percent of the hospital's power demand. The proposed 23 cents per kWh, Sablan said, is below the average cost to install and operate solar energy in the mainland, which is between 27 cents to 29 cents per kWh.

CHCC vice chair Pete dela Cruz said the project is worthy of board review. However, he pointed out that if in case it is approved, all procurement regulations will be adhered to including issuing RFPs and quotations. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

TONIGHT!

DINNER FUNDRAISING FOR
MAYOR DONALD PANGELINAN FLORES

**Date: Friday, May 23, 2014**
**Time: 6:00PM – 10:00PM**
**Venue: Magellan, Pacific Islands Club**

Entertainment by Maggie Naputi
**Menu:** Prime Rib and Seafood
**Attire:** Island Wear

Entrance Fee: $50.00 per person
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# Bo Camacho earns his MBA

A 2002 graduate of Mount Carmel School received his master's degree in Business Administration from Chaminade University in Hawaii on May 12, 2014.

Camacho

Raymond Anthony Cabrera Camacho's goal became reality after he graduated from Chaminade's 56th Commencement Exercise for the spring 2014 class and was the only student from Saipan in the master's program.

Camacho, affectionately known by family and friends as Bo, is the son of Rosiky F. Camacho and Winnie C. Camacho.

His parents from Saipan and siblings from Las Vegas went to Hawaii to attend his graduation.

Camacho said he never gave up pursuing his goal and his family recognizes that inner drive he has.

"Bo came a long way after working very hard and recognizing the importance of pursuing a Master Degree," Winnie Camacho said.

According to her, Raymond immediately attended the Chaminade University after graduating from Mt. Carmel School.

Raymond Camacho received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with a minor in Computer Science and Management in June 2007.

"After getting his bachelor's, Bo decided to join the workforce and gain work experiences before pursuing with his master's program," Rosiky Camacho said.

Raymond Camacho is currently employed by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. in Hawaii. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-012-14**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grass cutting services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning May 16, 2014. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport." One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00 am, Friday, May 30, 2014 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director
Date: May 1, 2014

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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (MOWING, TRIMMING AND CLEANING OF GROUNDS) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-14**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **May 09, 2014.**

All Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for Grounds Maintenance Services (mowing, trimming and cleaning of grounds of the Saipan International Airport)-Project NO. CPA-RFP-011-14"**. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 06th, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposer will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Departure Building at 10:00 a.m., **Wednesday, May 21st, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions must be in writing and faxed to the Executive Director's Office at (670)234-5962 or via email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals: or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director
Date: April 30, 2014

# Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### EBay asks users to change password after breach

**NEW YORK** (AP)—E-commerce site eBay is asking users to change their passwords after a cyberattack compromised a company database containing customers' names, encrypted passwords, email addresses, physical addresses, phone numbers and dates of birth. The company said Wednesday that there is no evidence that any financial or credit card information was stolen and no sign that the breach has resulted in unauthorized activity for its 145 million active users. EBay says its investigation is active and it can't comment on the specific number of accounts affected, but says the number could be large. Cyberattackers stole a small number of employee log-in credentials that gave access to eBay's corporate network, the company said. The San Jose, California-based company is working with law enforcement to investigate the attack.

### Govt says airlines should disclose bag, seat fees

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Passengers love the idea, but airlines hate it. The government wants to require that travelers be told upfront about basic services that aren't included in the price of a ticket and how much extra they'll cost. The Transportation Department proposed Wednesday that passengers be provided detailed information on fees for a first checked bag, a second checked bag, advance seat assignments and carry-on bags. The rules would apply whether passengers bought tickets on the phone, in person or online—and not just from airline websites. Airlines that want their tickets to remain available through travel agents and online ticketing services would have to provide them information on fees for basic services, too, something most have been reluctant to do.

### Cleaner air could mean higher electric bills

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Electricity prices are probably on their way up across much of the U.S. as coal-fired plants, the dominant source of cheap power, shut down in response to environmental regulations and economic forces. New and tighter pollution rules and tough competition from cleaner sources such as natural gas, wind and solar will lead to the closings of dozens of coal-burning plants across 20 states over the next three years. And many of those that stay open will need expensive retrofits. Because of these and other factors, the Energy Department predicts retail power prices will rise 4 percent on average this year, the biggest increase since 2008. By 2020, prices are expected to climb an additional 13 percent, a forecast that does not include the costs of coming environmental rules. The Obama administration, state governments and industry are struggling to balance this push for a cleaner environment with the need to keep the grid reliable and prevent prices from rocketing too much higher.

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# Nation

## Police: Woman found 10 years after kidnapping

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** (AP)—A woman who disappeared as a teenager a decade ago was reunited with her family after she went to police and told them her mother's ex-boyfriend drugged and kidnapped her in 2004, forced her to marry him and fathered her child.

Isidro Garcia, 41, of Bell Gardens, was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping for rape, lewd acts with a minor and false imprisonment, the Santa Ana Police Department said.

Police described a decade during which the woman—abused mentally, physically and sexually by her captor—was moved at least four times and given multiple fake identities to hide her from family and authorities.

According to police, Garcia told her that her family had stopped trying to find her, and that if she tried to contact them they would be deported to Mexico. She was locked up at first, but she eventually began to lead what appeared from the outside to be a normal life.

"Even with the opportunity to escape, after years of physical and mental abuse, the victim saw no way out of her situation," police said in a written statement.

Neighbors were stunned, describing the couple as seemingly happy. They doted on their young daughter and liked to host parties at their apartment in the working-class community of Bell Gardens, about 20 miles from where she originally disappeared.

AP

In this Tuesday, May 20, 2014, photo released by the Santa Ana Police Department, shows suspect Isidro Garcia, age 41 of Bell Gardens, Calif. who was arrested in Santa Ana, Calif.

"He treats her like a queen. He does his best to do whatever she wants," next-door neighbor Maria Sanchez said in Spanish.

The now-25-year-old woman, whose identity is not being released, first contacted authorities Monday—the same day Garcia was first arrested. Police said she came forward to police after finding her sister on Facebook.

## Mom in custody after 3 daughters killed

**TORRANCE, Calif.** (AP)—A grandmother arrived at a dilapidated home on a busy Southern California street to visit her daughter and three grandchildren, only to find the girls' small, blood-covered bodies neatly arranged on a bed.

Neighbors and authorities say the woman frantically ran outside, throwing a bloody knife to the ground and told the girls' father, who was working on a car, that his wife had gone crazy and killed all the kids. Then she called 911.

"'Oh my God, oh my God,'" he screamed after learning his daughters were dead, said next-door neighbor Veronica Ruiz, who watched the aftermath unfold.

Authorities said 30-year-old Carol Coronado remained hospitalized in stable condition Wednesday after being taken from the grisly scene Tuesday afternoon covered in blood and naked under a blanket, with multiple self-inflicted stab and slice wounds.

She's expected to be arrested on suspicion of murder in the death of her daughters, who were 2 years, 16 months and 2 months old, after she is released from the hospital, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Dave Coleman said.

"The babies were on the bed," Coleman said. "And not in a haphazard fashion, they were placed on the bed, so how and where they were killed, we're going to have to figure that out."

Investigators were reviewing Coronado's medical records and her service in the military. She joined the Army after high school but only spent a few months in the service before being released due to an injury, Coleman said.

Multiple knives were taken from the scene, including the knife the grandmother threw on the ground, which was believed to be the one used to stab the girls to death.

Authorities said the grandmother, whose name was not released, had come to the home near Torrance to visit after receiving a call from her daughter. Coleman said detectives believe the stabbings likely occurred just before the grandmother arrived.

Coleman said investigators don't believe there were prior calls for deputies to visit the home, but he stressed that it was still early in the investigation.

On Wednesday, the home in the working class neighborhood was quiet except for reporters and photographers who crowded the fenced-off area to get a look at a yard piled high with junk and a small residence that appeared to be a converted garage or shed, with a red and green "Seasons Greetings" sign hanging from it.

Ruiz's son, 15-year-old Jesus Renteria, said the grandmother told him and his mother that Coronado was overwhelmed.

## Judge hears public worry on serial-rapist release

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** (AP)—After a sniper's bullet killed her husband in Afghanistan earlier this year, Misty Vivirito moved herself and four daughters from a San Diego Marine Corps base to a home in Southern California's Antelope Valley with room enough for horses and other farm animals.

Last month, she discovered that a serial rapist was to be released from a mental hospital and allowed to rent a ramshackle house three miles from her home in rural Los Angeles County near the city of Palmdale.

On Wednesday, Vivirito tearfully urged Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Gilbert Brown to change his mind and rescind his order directing the release of Christopher Evans Hubbart, 63, to the desert community of Lake Los Angeles.

Hubbart has acknowledged raping and assaulting about 40 women between 1971 and 1982. Authorities place the number of victims closer to 100. When Hubbart's prison term ended in 1996, he was deemed a sexually violent predator and confined to a state mental hospital.

Doctors at the hospital recently concluded he was fit for release. But to where? California laws bar sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools and other places where children congregate, eliminating nearly all urban areas in the state.

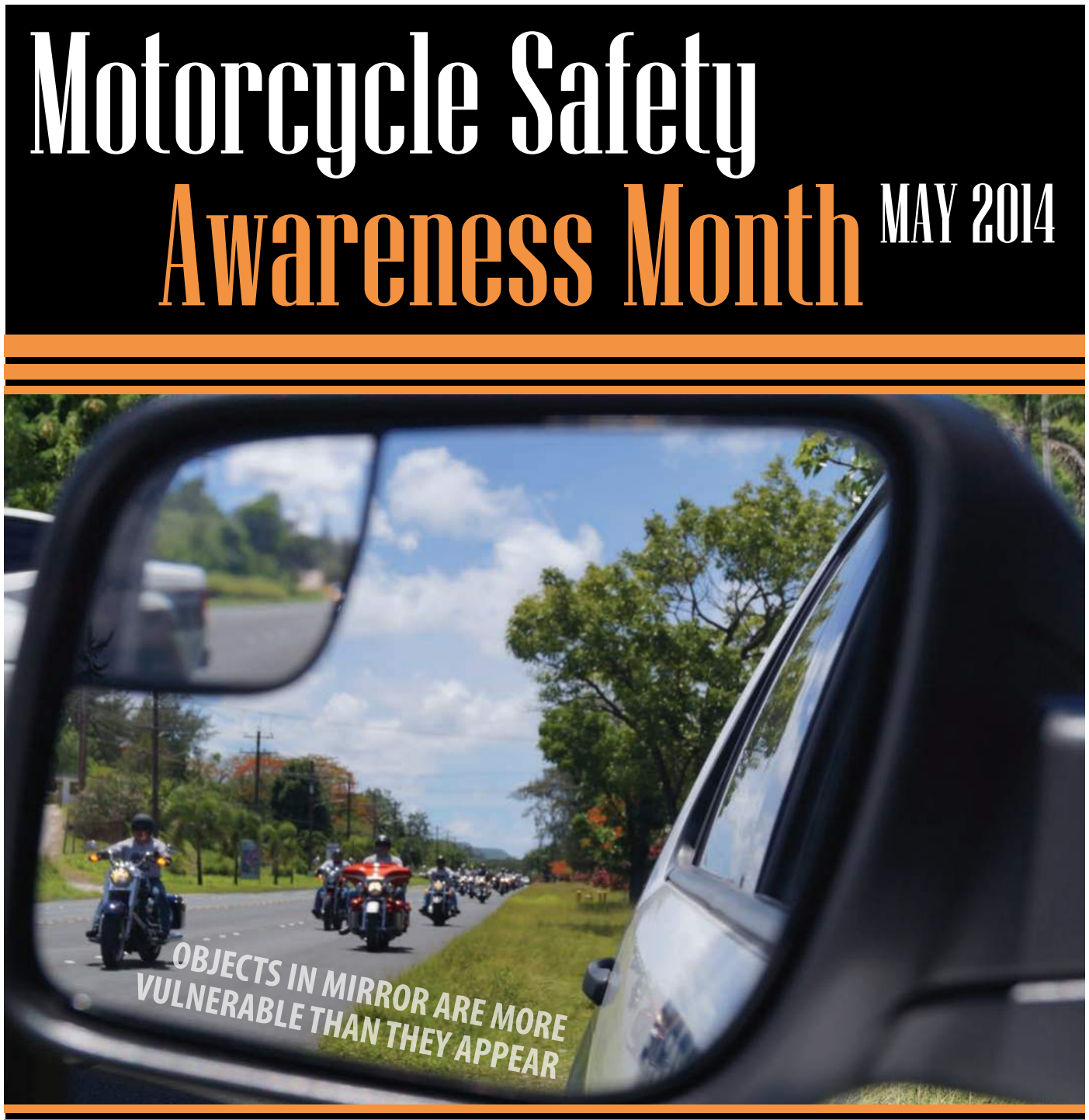
Hubbart's most recent crimes occurred in Santa Clara County, but the Northern California judge ordered him released to Los Angeles County, where Hubbart was born and raised.

The judge delayed Hubbart's release to the area after an initial landlord succumbed to public pressure and withdrew his offer to rent to Hubbart. Brown authorized his release last year to another house a few miles away and has been lobbied by residents, local politicians and law enforcement officials to change his mind.

On Wednesday, Brown said little during the daylong hearing. He offered no insight into what his decision would be.

Vivirito and several other Lake Los Angeles residents drove 350 miles through the night Tuesday to attend the court hearing in San Jose on Wednesday to oppose Hubbart's release to their community.

"My husband died for our safety, but we don't feel safe," Vivirito told the judge. "This feels like a slap in our faces."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# Asia

# With martial law, Thai government nearly powerless

## Thailand's coups

*Thailand's army has imposed martial law amid a crisis but claims the move is not a coup. Since 1932, the army has staged 11 successful coups.*

**1932** **King Prajadhipok** is overthrown in a bloodless coup led by **Pridi Phanomyang, Major Phibun Sangkhram** and **Colonel Phahon Phonphaywhasena**; **Phrayo Manopakorn** appointed prime minister

**1933** **Manopakorn,** who had dissolved the National Assembly and ruled by decree, is removed; **Phahon** becomes prime minister

**1939** **So-called Songsuradet Rebellion,** led by **Phibun** to purge the country of his royalist enemies; country's name changed from Siam to Thailand

**1947** **General Phin Choonhavan** leads a successful coup; **Luang Aphai-Wongse** appointed prime minister, then replaced by **Phibun** the following year

**1951** **Phibun** leads another coup, restores 1932 version of the constitution

**1957** **General Sarit Thanarat** leads a coup, **Pote Sarasin** made leader of interim government

**1971** **Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn** executes a coup against his own government, ending parliamentary democracy

**1976** **Prime Minister Seni Pramoj** overthrown; former defense minister, **Admiral Sa-ngad Chaloryoo**, made chairman of a National Administrative Reform Council

**1977** **Sa-ngad** leads another coup, deposes the government of **Thanom Kravichien**; a military Revolutionary Council takes power

**1991** **General Chatichai** ousted in a bloodless coup; National Peacekeeping Council, led by **General Sunthorn Kongsompong**, assumes power

**2006** **Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra** dismissed by armed forces while he is at the U.N. General Assembly; marks beginning of current crisis

Source: ZeeNews, BBC

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**BANGKOK** (AP)—The question to Thailand's army chief was a basic one: After he declared martial law this week, would he be consulting the government? His response encapsulated the increasingly surreal nature of this Southeast Asian country's political crisis.

"Where is the government right now? Where are they now? I don't know," Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha snapped before adding awkwardly: "I'm not interfering with the government, or anybody."

But where, actually, is the elected leadership of Thailand? Few people here believe it is still running the country.

Six months of protests have forced its severely weakened Cabinet to shift offices constantly to avoid being harassed by demonstrators. By the time the army intervened Tuesday, a government that had been in firm power in November found itself caught off guard, its leaders meeting at an undisclosed location that one aide described as "a safe house."

As Thailand tries to make sense of a move that the army denies was a coup, one thing, at least, is certain: The nation's caretaker government has been rendered virtually powerless even as the rest of the country largely functions normally.

"Thailand is like a car driving on cruise control right now," said Sunai Phasuk, a senior researcher for Human Rights Watch in Bangkok. "But nobody is at the wheel, and it's probably going to crash."

Yet the crash, if it is coming, is happening in slow motion.

Glass-encased shopping malls and ornate temples are open as always. Bangkok's red-light districts still throb with activity. Civil servants still dutifully review passport applications and oversee driver's license exams. And for almost all of the country, no military is in sight.

On Wednesday, Prayuth assumed the role of mediator by summoning the country's key political rivals for face-to-face talks. The meeting ended without resolution, underscoring the immense challenges the army will face in trying to broker an end to the conflict, and more talks are due Thursday.

Thailand has been plagued by major bouts of political turmoil since 2006, when the army toppled Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, unleashing a deeper societal schism that continues to this day.

On one side: the members of Thailand's conservative establishment, who along with staunch royalists and the largely urban upper and middle classes see Thaksin's family as a corrupt threat to traditional structures of power.

## Vietnam threatens legal action against China

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Vietnam's prime minister said Thursday that his country was considering legal action against China, which deployed an oil rig earlier this month to disputed waters, prompting anti-Chinese riots in Vietnam and a tense standoff between ships from both countries in the area.

In a written reply to questions sent by The Associated Press, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said Vietnam would fiercely defend its territory but would never resort to military action "unless we are forced to take self-defense actions."

"Like all countries, Vietnam is considering various defense options, including legal actions in accordance with the international law," said Dung, who held talks with his Philippine counterpart in Manila that focused on their territorial rifts with China.

Dung did not specify what legal action Hanoi was considering. Last year, the Philippines filed a complaint against China before an international tribunal in The Hague to challenge the legality of its sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### 31 killed, 90-plus injured in Xinjiang attack

**BEIJING** (AP)—China's state-run news agency says 31 people have been killed and more than 90 injured in an early morning attack on a busy street market in the capital of the country's volatile northwestern region of Xinjiang. The death toll makes Thursday's attack the bloodiest in a series of violent incidents blamed on radical separatist Muslims. The official Xinhua News Agency says the assailants plowed through crowds of shoppers in off-road vehicles and threw explosives out the window before crashing head-on in the attack in the city of Urumqi. It says one of the vehicles then exploded and quotes an eyewitness as saying there were up to a dozen blasts in all.

### Japan court rejects startup of 2 nuclear reactors

**TOKYO** (AP)—A court Wednesday refused to let two nuclear reactors restart operations in western Japan, saying their risk assessment is too optimistic and safety measures insufficient despite lessons from the Fukushima disaster. The denial by the district court in Japan's nuclear hub of Fukui is the first since the crisis and comes as some Japanese reactors are in the final stages of safety screening before a restart, and plaintiffs and their anti-nuclear supporters say the court ruling could sway local acceptance. Anti-nuclear sentiment and the public's distrust to utility operators and authorities have persisted since the 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, which caused more than 100,000 people to leave homes nearby due to radiation.

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# World

# Nigerian extremists strike villages, 48 dead

**JOS, Nigeria** (AP)—Islamic militants killed 48 villagers in northeastern Nigeria near the town where they kidnapped 300 schoolgirls, and the U.S. said Wednesday it was sending in 80 military personnel to expand the drone search for the captives.

The developments came hours after twin car bombings claimed at least 130 lives in this central city—an escalating campaign of violence blamed on the Boko Haram terrorist network and its drive to impose an Islamic state on Nigeria.

The three villages attacked overnight Tuesday and early Wednesday are near the town of Chibok, where the girls were abducted from their boarding school in a brazen April 15 assault that has ignited a global movement to secure their freedom.

First lady Michelle Obama is among those who have joined a viral social media campaign under the hashtag (hash)BringBackOurGirls, tweeting earlier this month, "Our prayers are with the missing Nigerian girls and their families. It's time to (hash)BringBackOurGirls."

On Wednesday, President Barack Obama announced that the U.S. was sending in 80 military personnel to help in the search for the missing schoolgirls. In a letter to House Speaker John Boehner and the Senate, Obama said the service members were being sent to Chad, which borders northeastern Nigeria, to help with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft missions over Nigeria and the nearby region.

The U.S. mission will help expand drone searches of the region, said Lt. Col. Myles Caggins, adding that this latest deployment will not be involved in ground searches.

The drone—a Predator—will be in addition to the unarmed Global Hawks already being used, a senior U.S. official said. The new flights will be based out of Chad and allow the military to expand its search effort, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The government of Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has come under intense national and international criticism for its lack of progress in rescuing the 276 schoolgirls. Besides the United States, Britain, Israel and several other nations have offered assistance in the hunt for the girls, amid fears they would be sold into slavery, married off to fighters or worse, following repeated threats by Boko Haram's leader.

The insurgents have demanded the release of detained Boko Haram fighters in exchange for the girls—a swap officials say the government will not consider.

Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is sinful," has targeted schools, as well as churches, mosques, marketplaces, bus terminals and other spots where large numbers of civilians gather in its violent 5-year campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria, whose 170 million people are half Christians and half Muslims.

# UN vote on Syria crisis faces Russia veto, again

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—The U.N. Security Council faces a dramatic vote Thursday on referring the Syrian crisis to the International Criminal Court for investigation of possible war crimes, with dozens of countries signing on to embarrass Russia which vowed to kill the measure that demands a path to justice.

Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vitaly Churkin, said Wednesday his country will veto the French-drafted resolution, calling it a "publicity stunt" that will hurt efforts to find a political solution to a crisis that activists say has killed more than 160,000 and sent millions fleeing.

France's U.N. Ambassador Gerard Araud retorted that Churkin can't say the resolution will undermine a political process "because there is no political process." He challenged Russia to explain why it's really casting a veto.

The draft resolution condemns the "widespread violation" of human rights and international humanitarian law by Syrian authorities and pro-government militias as well as abuses and violations by "non-state armed groups" during the last three years. It would refer the conflict to the world's permanent war crimes tribunal without targeting either side.

The Security Council has been deeply divided over Syria, with Syrian allies Russia and China at odds with the U.S., its Western allies and other members who support the opposition.

This will be the fourth time Russia has used its veto power as a permanent council member to deflect action against the government of President Bashar Assad. China also supports Assad's government and joined Russia in earlier vetoes, and diplomats said Beijing is likely to do so again Thursday.

# Painful and rapid spread of new virus in Caribbean

**SAN CRISTOBAL, Dominican Republic** (AP)—They suffer searing headaches, a burning fever and so much pain in their joints they can barely walk or use their hands. It's like having a terrible flu combined with an abrupt case of arthritis.

Hospitals and clinics throughout the Caribbean are seeing thousands of people with the same symptoms, victims of a virus with a long and unfamiliar name that has been spread rapidly by mosquitoes across the islands after the first locally transmitted case was confirmed in December.

"You feel it in your bones, your fingers and your hands. It's like everything is coming apart," said 34-year-old Sahira Francisco as she and her daughter waited for treatment at a hospital in San Cristobal, a town in the southern Dominican Republic that has seen a surge of the cases in recent days.

The virus is chikungunya, derived from an African word that loosely translates as "contorted with pain." People encountering it in the Caribbean for the first time say the description is fitting. While the virus is rarely fatal it is extremely debilitating.

"It is terrible, I have never in my life gotten such an illness," said Maria Norde, a 66-year-old woman confined to bed at her home on the lush eastern Caribbean island of Dominica. "All my joints are in pain."

Outbreaks of the virus have long made people miserable in Africa and Asia. But it is new to the Caribbean, with the first locally transmitted case documented in December in French St. Martin, likely brought in by an infected air traveler. Health officials are now working feverishly to educate the public about the illness, knock down the mosquito population, and deal with an onslaught of cases.

Authorities are attempting to control mosquitoes throughout the Caribbean, from dense urban neighborhoods to beach resorts. There have been no confirmed cases of local transmission of chikungunya on the U.S. mainland, but experts say the high number of travelers to the region means that could change as early as this summer.

So far, there are no signs the virus is keeping visitors away though some Caribbean officials warn it might if it is not controlled. "We need to come together and deal with this disease," said Dominica Tourism Minister Ian Douglas.

One thing is certain: The virus has found fertile ground in the Caribbean, where it is rapidly spreading. The Pan American Health Organization reports more than 55,000 suspected and confirmed cases since December throughout the islands. It has also reached French Guiana, the first confirmed transmission on the South American mainland.

"It's building up like a snowball because of the constant movement of people," said Jacqueline Medina, a specialist at the Instituto Technologico university in the Dominican Republic, where some hospitals report more than 100 new cases per day.


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/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

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3. Lot Number 062 E 03; containing an area of approximately 1,725 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area

Proposal requirements can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning April 30, 2014, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the Enforcement/Lease Compliance Officer at (670) 237-6500. Interested parties are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the sites listed above.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposals to Lease and/or Develop CPA Property CPA-RFP-008-14". Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of its proposal no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 30, 2014.**

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (b) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director



**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
CNMI HEAD START PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 501370
SAIPAN, MP 96950
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**Head Start Policy Council**
**Meeting Agenda**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Oleai Head Start Resource Center, Oleai, Saipan.

**I. Preliminary Matters**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes
   a. April 23, 2014 Regular Meeting

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Communication**
1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

**IV. Monthly Reports**
1. Director
2. Finance Director
3. Center Representatives

**V. Old Business**
1. Updates
   a. Facilities Projects

**VI. New Business**
1. Action Items
   a. Approval of SY 14-15 Transportation Waiver

**VII. Miscellaneous Matters**

**VIII. Executive Session**

**IX. Next Meeting**

**X. Adjournment**

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada
Chairperson

*[1] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.*

*[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.*



**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

JUANITA MENDIOLA
Plaintiff,
vs.
SHANGZHE SONG
Defendant

) FCD-DI
) CIVIL CASE
) NO. 14-0192

ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD
(7 CMC § 1301 and 1302)

PURSUANT TO 7 CMC § 1301 and 1302 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make your appearance or file any answer you with to make to the Complaint for Divorce filed with the Commonwealth Superior Court within 30 days from the service date. You are instructed to make your appearance before the Clerk of Courts or mail a copy of your answer to the Complaint for Divorce to Loren A. Sutton, Attorney at Law whose address is P.O. box 5593 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. You may obtain a copy of the Complaint for Divorce by contacting the Plaintiff's counsel of record (Loren A. Sutton-address above).

If you choose to file an answer, your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at the Guma Hostisia, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared by you or your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail.

If you fail to make an appearance or file an answer in accordance with this Order to Appear or Plead a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint for Divorce.

A copy of this order will be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for two consecutive weeks. In addition a copy of this Order shall be posted in two conspicuous places for a period of not less than two weeks.

IT IS SO ORDER on May 21, 2014.

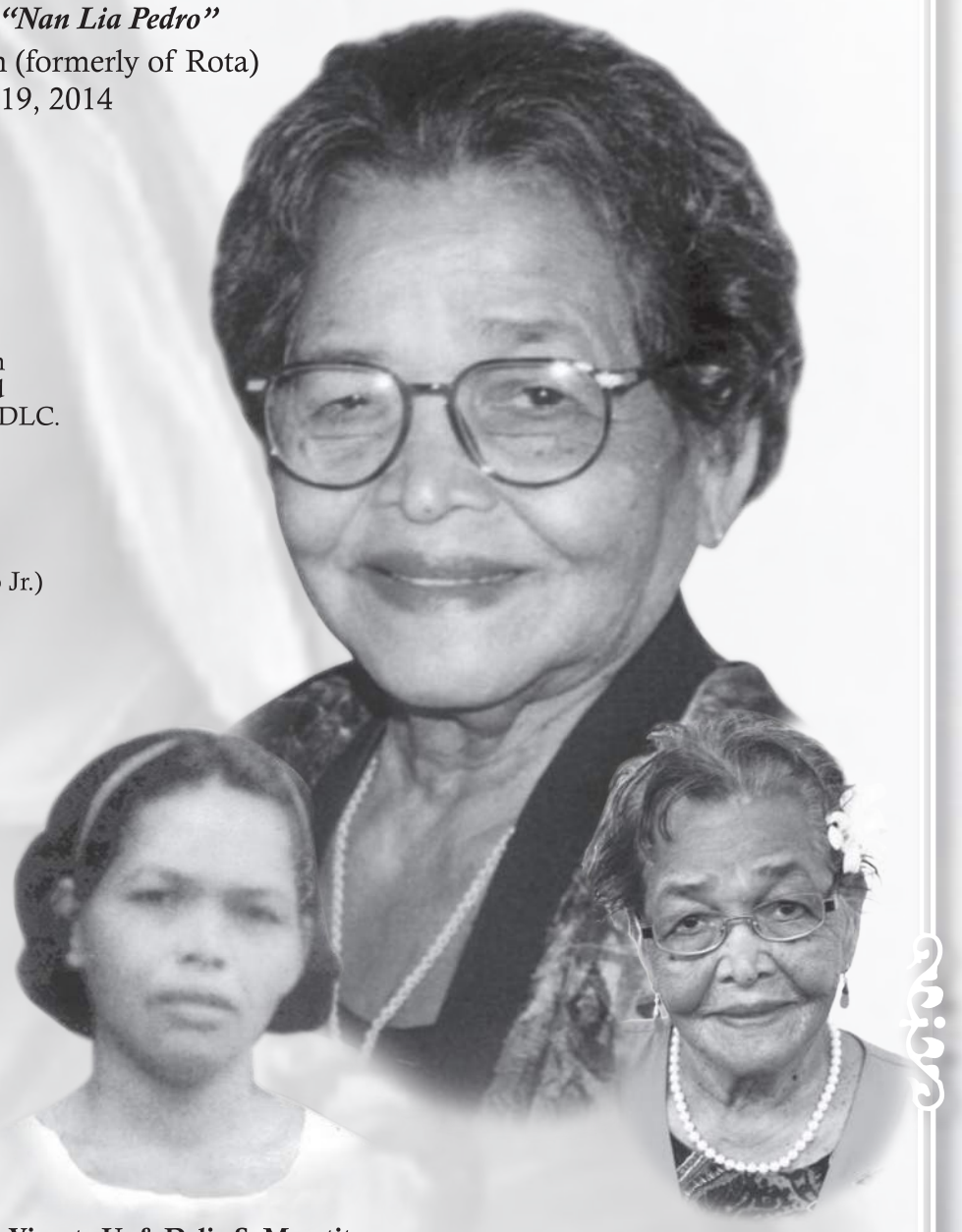
/s/ Hon. Kenneth Govendo
Judge of the Superior Court

*In Loving Memory of*

# †Maria Atalig Ulloa Maratita

***Fondly known as "Nang" or "Nan Lia Pedro"***

of San Antonio Village, Saipan (formerly of Rota)
July 6, 1927 – May 19, 2014



***In her New Life, She Now Joins Her***

**Husband:** †**Pedro Songao Maratita**
**Children:** †Juan U. Maratita, †Jose U. Maratita and †Mametto U. Maratita
**Parents:** †Felix Manglona Ulloa and †Maria Taimanao Atalig Ulloa
**Parents In-Law:** †Pedro Hocog Maratita and †Saturnina Songsong Songao Maratita
**Sons In-Laws:** †Jose (George) Q. Babauta, †Joaquin J. Castro and †Henry S. Sablan
**Siblings and In-Laws:** †Jose A. Ulloa and †Maxima T. Manglona, †Carmen Ulloa Blas and †Ramon B. Blas, †Augustin T. Palacios, †Tobias S. Maratita, †Pedro DLC. and †Juliana M. Apatang, †Felix Rosario

***Her peaceful and loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her Children:***

**Edward U. & Rosa C. Maratita**
Edward Jr. & Lea DLR. Maratita (Edward III, Joaquin Ramon, Ella Rosa & Franny)
Cheryl M. Reyes/Antonio C. Reyes (Austin, Adina, Anisia, Maeana, Anina, & Antonio Jr.)
Peter Ray C. Maratita
Dominic C./Cheslin E. Maratita (Emilio Jesse, Chen Paul, & Rose Ophinia)

**†Mametto U. & Leonisa F. Maratita**
Jeffery I. Celis
Catherine C. Unpingco (Micheal)
Karl Anthony A. Flores (Carl Jr., Martin Jose, Elizabeth Joy & Peter John)
Audie F. Maratita/Alfreda P. Camacho (Shannon, Jakey)
Len Wayne F. Maratita and Adrienne Hofschneider (Len Wayne Jr.)
Sheena F. Maratita (Benjamin Pedro, Magdalena Maria)
Prisilla M. & Stanley Iakopo (Filomenaleonisa, Mametto, Audie Scott, Stanley Jr. & Conan Briggeman)
Lynette F. Maratita/Benjamin Jones Jr. (Tatum Mamet)

**Melchor U. & Isable S. Maratita**
Erica M. & Brian Keller (Bethany Jane, Eric Jay, Melchor Crispin, Joseph John Jr. & Dion JulianMel S. Maratita (Channel Isabel)
Joesey S. Maratita/Gina T. Duenas (Francis Giovonni, Keona Kaylee, Ricardo Jay, Petra Doreen & Yuliana Lorenza)
Evita S. Maratita (Annette Moka)
Evira M. & Patrick Tudela Jr.
Robby S. Maratita
Evana S. Maratita/Antoine Brooks (Jesiah Destin)

**Gloria U. Maratita Hossain**
Maria Susana M. Babauta (Gloriette Georgina, George, Geovannie Rose)
Jose M. & Christina M. Babauta (Crystal Blare, Colin Jose, Corey Everett, & Calvin Jacob)
Kelvin M. & Kim Babauta (Kelun, Kelvin George & Kimberly Del)
Peter Steven M. Babauta (Brittney, Peter, Jessica Maria, Corey, & Rufina)
Lester M. Babauta/Ramona Camacho (Nevies, Leslie, & Lei Lani)

**Beata U. Maratita & Francisco R. Sablan**
Peter Anthony & Victoria Maratita (Desree, Anabeata, Donina, Peter Franklin, Victoria, Gina, & Hope)
Jason Franklin Sablan & Colleen Deleon Guerrero (Tyanna, Lourdes Maria)
Madonna Marie Sablan & Jonathan Hensley (Makenzie, Makaylie)
Nina Nicole Sablan & Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Zowie Isabelle)

**Elisa U. Maratita & †Joaquin J. Castro**
Deveyann Castro & Jessie Pua (Dariann Jaelene & Dessey J'lourise)
Lismarie Castro & Jefferey Sablan ( Joaquin Dylan, & Lacey Monique)
Jackie Castro & Edwin Tenorio
Donovan P. Castro
Jaime Mikel

**Delia U. Maratita & Ramon B. Camacho**
Ray Anthony M. Camacho & Stacey Deleon Guerrero (Jeremiah & Zachariah)
Felix Jonathan & Esterlita B. Camacho (Pernalynn Janet, Delia, Felix Jonathan II, Ezikiel Izaiah, & Ramon Jose)
Mary Elizabeth M. Camacho & Randy Garcia (Maria Theresa, †Baby Angel)

**Romana U. Maratita & Jesus S. Cabrera**
Bridget Juline Maratita & Kovani Deleon Guerrero (Brinae Jessilyn, Heaven Agnes & Micaela)
Janae Monic Cabrera & Ezra Helgen (Kayhana Faith, Janez Malayna)
Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero

**Janet U. Maratita**
John Henry & Jocelyn Sablan (Kadence Maria, Ethan John, Angelyce, & Alexandria Rae)
Jason Hanale & Lorraine B. Sablan (Jason Hanale II)
Joshua Howard M. Sablan "Dasssua"
Jake Hiram Maratita & Nadia Mae Moses (Jake Hiram Jr.)
Janina Terese Maratita

**Juan U. & Tracy A. Maratita**
Sheyvonn Judy M. & Kenneth Taitingfong (Evangeline, Kailey)
Sorene Mary M. & Agustine Rios (Gabriel)
Juan Maratita II & Britney Igitol
Pedro Jesus A. Maratita

**Vicente U. & Delia S. Maratita**
Franklin Sablan
Arayanee Maratita & Anthony Casil (Jose Izaiah)
Brandon S. Maratita
Abigail S. Maratita

**Rosalinda Ulloa & Donald C. Camacho**
Donarose U. Camacho, Antonio U. Camacho, Donald C. Camacho Jr. & Darren U. Camacho

**Dexter Marvin U. Maratita & Jaime B. Tudela**
Anthony Noah, Marvin, Maelyn, Karl, Maeann

***Maria's memories will also be rememberd by her***

**Sisters:** Victorina Ulloa Maratita and Family
Esperanza Ulloa Palacios and Family
**Best Friend/Cousin:** Rita M. Babauta and Family

***and numerous Nephews, Nieces, Godchildren and friends***

**Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each evening at San Antonio Church, Saipan at 6:00pm.**
**Rosary is being prayed at the family residence in San Antonio at 7:00pm.**

**Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 beginning at San Antonio Church, Saipan at 7:30am.**
**Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am.**
**Viewing and Last respects from 9:00am to 11:30am and 12:30 to 2:30pm**
**Holy Rosary by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be at 11:45am**

**Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00pm followed by Interment Service at Mt. Carmel cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.**

**Please join us in prayers.**
**Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your thoughts and prayers,**

**The Children and Families of the late**
**†Pedro Songao Maratita and †Maria Atalig Ulloa Maratita**
**Ed, Mel, Gloria, Vicky, Lis, Del, Mona, Janet, John, Ben and Rose**

# Off the Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Hero cat 'throws' first pitch at baseball game

**BAKERSFIELD, Calif.** (AP)—A cat that became famous for saving a central California boy from a dog attack threw the first pitch Tuesday night at a Bakersfield Blaze baseball game—or at least she tried. The cat, named Tara, was captured on security camera on May 13 when she pounced on a dog that attacked her 4-year-old human Jeremy Triantafilo. The video, which has garnered 21 million views on YouTube, shows the dog biting and attempting to drag the boy. Within seconds, Tara leaps out and chases the canine away. Jeremy needed 10 stitches in his left leg after the incident. Ryan Triantafilo, Jeremy's father, said he edited the video and posted it on YouTube for family and friends to see and that he never anticipated the flood of attention. Tara, who followed Triantafilo and his wife, Erica, home from the park one night, has been smothered with love since her heroics.

### Jewel thief leaves cellphone in shop after robbery

**LONDON** (AP)—British police say they have a pretty good idea who stole two diamond rings and a wedding band from a Kingston shop on Sunday—the suspected thief left his cellphone behind, with a photo of himself as the screen-saver. Police said Wednesday the 27-year-old suspect, Germain Ibrahim Fofana of France, is also believed to be responsible for other jewel heists in the London area. They said Fofana and a woman entered the shop with a child in a baby buggy and looked at engagement rings. The suspect returned alone 30 minutes later and looked at the rings again, before he ran off with them, leaving his phone behind. The rings were valued at 18,000 pounds ($30,000).

### Are you smoking pot? 'Why, yes, I am, officer'

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** (AP)—Massachusetts police say a Springfield man blew through a stop sign and also blew a cloud of marijuana smoke when he was pulled over. An officer enforcing seat belt laws as part of the annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign saw a vehicle drive through a stop sign Tuesday evening. When the driver stopped and rolled down the window, police say, the officer was "covered in a plume of smoke." Sgt. John Delaney says the officer asked: "Are you smoking marijuana while operating this motor vehicle?" The driver allegedly responded: "Why, yes, I am, officer." The 30-year-old driver was scheduled for arraignment Wednesday on charges of operating under the influence of drugs, failure to obey a stop sign, and failure to wear a seat belt.

### NC looks to stop 'booger' and 'snot' graffiti

**CARY, N.C.** (AP)—It will take more than tissues for police in a North Carolina town to take care of the mildly offending graffiti being spray-painted on businesses and signs. Investigators say the words "snot" and "booger" have been painted on at least 20 different places this year in Cary. Police say the graffiti isn't believed to be gang-related and hasn't caused any permanent damage. But Capt. Don Hamilton says removing the graffiti is costly and the problem can't be overlooked. Authorities say they are accepting anonymous tips about the graffiti on its CrimeStoppers line.


*In Loving Memory of*

†Troy Deleon Guerrero Torres

†Vicente Villagomez Torres

We would like to invite our families and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate Troy's 1st year and Vicente's 2nd year death anniversaries.

Mass is currently being offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

On the final day, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 rosary will be offered at 5:30 a.m. preceding the 6:00 a.m. daily mass.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.

***Thank you and Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!***

**Primitiva DLG. Torres and family**

# Science & Technology

## Small business on-the-go? Smartphones make it easy

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Avi Shenkar runs his four hair salons from the palm of his hand.

Work for the owner of Blo/Out Blow Dry Bars begins as soon as he grabs his iPhone at 6 a.m. while still in bed. He scrolls through messages on group texting app GroupMe to see if any of his stylists are running late or need the day off. He pumps pop and electronic dance music through the wireless speakers in his stores using an app for Sonos, a brand of wireless speakers. And he can see what's going on in each location by watching video on his phone from cameras with the Samsung iPolis app, a video camera security system.

"The phone is always with me," says Shenkar, whose salons do blowouts for $35. "It's an extension of me."

AP

In this May 19, 2014 photo, Avi Shenkar, owner of Blo/Out Blow Dry Bars, poses for a photograph with his iPhone, in Philadelphia.

Smartphones have become vital for on-the-go entrepreneurs. Apps aimed at small business owners allow them to pay bills, update websites, market their companies, reach out to customers and keep in touch with employees from anywhere. Some owners say their smartphones makes it easier for them to build a side business while keeping a full-time job or step away from the company when needed.

They're also a big help for store owners, like Shenkar, who can't be at every location at once.

"Typically, I drive from one store to another," says Shenkar, who has three stores in Philadelphia and one in Atlantic City, which is only open in the spring and summer months.

Last year, he dropped his iPhone and shattered it before a drive to the Atlantic City shop.

"I had to immediately rush over to the Apple Store," he says. "I didn't care what the price was, I just got it."

Noah Chaimberg is also attached to his smartphone. He started Heatonist.com, a website that sells specialty hot sauces, in November. He still works a full-time marketing job in New York and relies on his iPhone to keep him connected to his business.

An app from online store creator Bigcommerce alerts him when an order is made on Heatonist.com. He pays suppliers using an app from payment processor PayPal. He also frequently uploads photos of hot sauce bottles to photo-sharing app Instagram, which helps him attract new customers.

When he goes to food festivals to sell carrot curry or red chili lime hot sauces, he turns his iPhone into a cash register with Square, a small device the size of a quarter that plugs into his phone and lets customers buy the sauces with their debit or credit cards.

"I'm constantly on the go," Chaimberg says.

Some entrepreneurs don't even have to be in the same state to run their business.

Kimberly Davison, who co-owns women's clothing store Goodbuy Girls in Nashville, Tennessee, moved to Los Angeles in April to earn some extra cash as a freelance marketing consultant to pay off a $10,000 dentist bill. She also wanted "to have fun" after running the store for nearly five years.

**TECH Q&A**

## Computers get old fast, so we have to be smart

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Question: When I bought a new HP printer earlier this year, I discovered that its software wasn't compatible with my Macintosh "Leopard" operating system. Our local Apple Store told me that the "Snow Leopard" operating system was the only one I could upgrade to that wouldn't use all of my computer's memory.**

**Then I found out that Apple has ended security updates for Snow Leopard, only five years after its introduction! In addition, Snow Leopard blocks me from watching videos and won't run my Kodak photo software.**

**It appears that I need a new computer, and I'm outraged! I am 67, not of the generation where things get old fast and are discarded. Seniors and lower-income people can't afford expensive computers every few years. Whom can I complain to?**

**Answer:** Rapid obsolescence of computers and software is a big problem, but there really isn't anyone you can complain to about it. Both buyers and sellers need to ask themselves whether that shiny new gadget or cool new software will work with the equipment they already have.

What the Apple Store employees should have told you was that your best bet was to buy a new computer instead of attempting to upgrade your old one. Upgrading computers that are five or more years old (as yours is) almost never works well.

But as a computer owner, you should have gone the extra mile to make sure your older computer was compatible with the new HP printer you wanted to buy. If you had found out in advance that it wasn't, you could have decided whether to buy a new computer without first incurring any expense or frustration.

Then other mistakes were made: The Apple Store recommended the obsolete Snow Leopard for your old Mac without telling you Apple no longer supported it. And you didn't ask whether all of your existing software would work with Snow Leopard.

We live in a technology world that's changing faster all the time. The only thing you can do is be smart about it.

**Q: I inadvertently put the Tuvaro virus on my PC while downloading a game. I've tried everything to remove it, and nothing works. What should I do?**

**A:** Tuvaro isn't a virus. It's a Web browser hijacking program that gives you search results filled with advertising and paid links to Web pages. For details on how to get rid of Tuvaro, see tinyurl.com/nn7ut2g and scroll down to "Manual Steps."

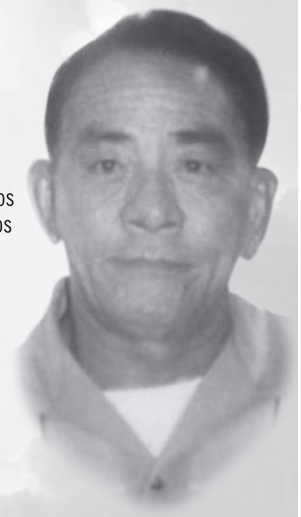
But it's difficult enough that you may want to have a repair shop do it: Tuvaro has to be removed from the PC's list of programs, Windows shortcuts, browser settings, PC settings, PC's list of scheduled tasks, PC's list of start-up programs and PC's services (programs that run in the background).

*Steve Alexander covers technology for the* Minneapolis Star Tribune.

*In Celebration of His New Life*

### †JESUS AGUON SANTOS

Dob: October 10, 1940 – Called to Eternal Life: May 19, 2014



**IN HIS NEW LIFE HE NOW JOINS HIS:**
**PARENTS:** †Enrique Agulto &
Ignacia Aguon Santos
**WIFE:** †Isabel Mafnas Santos
**SISTER:** †Maria Santos Egan
**SON:** †Alvin Mafnas Santos
**GRANDSON:** †Christopher Camacho Santos
**DAUGHTER IN-LAW:** †Maria Gina H. Santos

**HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN/ SPOUSES & GRANDCHILDREN:**
Vicente M./ (†Maria Gina Santos)
Tessie Santos & children
Patricia M. Santos & children
Roque M. Santos & children
Jesus M./ Joann Santos & children
Remedio M. Santos & children
Barbara M. Santos/Julius & children
John M./Vicky Santos & children
Ramon M./Gina Santos &children
Norman M. Santos & children

**SIBLINGS:** Carmen, Antonio, Francisco, Margarita, Teresita, Enrique, Rosa, Daniel, Ramon, Delgadina, Bernadita and families in the U.S., Guam and Saipan.

He will also be greatly missed by his great-grandchildren, godchildren, nieces and nephews.

Nightly Mass will be offered every 6pm at San Roque Church. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.


**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**JVA No. 14-004**

**Opening Date:** Monday, March 17, 2014
**Closing Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014

**Senior Engineer**
(REVISED 3/18/14)

***Duties:*** Under the direct supervision of the division manager or his/her designee. Supervises engineering support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs project management activities to include: preparing reports, memorandums and recommendations; developing scope of work; providing technical reviews; surveying for projects; evaluating proposals; monitoring project process; approving payment; and, recommending award of projects. Prepares engineering designs, plans and specifications; collects data and performs research. Troubleshoots systems and equipment. Reviews work performed by engineering technicians. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

**LOCATION**: Power Division, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
**SALARY**: $65,000.00 per annum - $92,030.00 per annum.
**CONTRACT**: Not Contracted.
**POSITION(S)**: One (1)

***Minimum Requirements:*** Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and four years of progressively responsible engineering related experience in transmission and distribution. PE license from a U.S. jurisdiction in Electrical Engineering required. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Construction principles; Engineering principles and practices. Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Managing multiple projects; Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Interpreting drawings; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND subject to pre-employment drug testing.

**RELOCATION EXPENSES:**
If hired from outside the CNMI, not to exceed $10,000.00 for relocation to Saipan. Other conditions may be applicable.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS:**
To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter and a list of references by one the following means:

1. United States Postal Service*:
   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.
2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Drop Off:
   Drop off your package to the Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

**POLICIES:**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate any discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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# Life & Style

## ‘Happy’ video arrests highlight tensions in Iran

**TEHRAN, Iran** (AP)—An Internet video of six young Iranian men and women dancing to Pharrell Williams’ “Happy” has led to their arrests, showing how far Tehran will go to halt what it deems to be decadent Western behavior—despite the views of its moderate president.

In this frame grab taken from video posted to YouTube, people dance to Pharrell Williams’ hit song “Happy” on a rooftop in Tehran, Iran. AP

Criticism outside Iran was predictably swift Wednesday, with calls for freedom for the jailed youths zipping around social media. Williams tweeted: “It’s beyond sad these kids were arrested for trying to spread happiness.”

A tweet posted Wednesday evening on President Hassan Rouhani’s account seemed to address the controversy, even if it stopped short of mentioning the video or the arrests directly.

“#Happiness is our people’s right,” it said. “We shouldn’t be too hard on behaviors caused by joy.”

The widely followed account appears to reflect Rouhani’s positions. Iranian media in the past quoted Rouhani as saying the account is authentic. At the same time, a senior Rouhani adviser said last year that the president had such an account only during the presidential campaign and that Rouhani’s views are represented by his official website.

Other social media posts suggested at least some of the dancers had already been released, although there was no independent confirmation from authorities.

The case was another reminder of the tensions that exist at the highest levels of Iranian power, with hard-liners determined to maintain the status quo while moderates try to push through change—be it improved relations with the West or a loosening of morality clampdowns at home.

Hard-liners are increasingly challenging Rouhani as the country negotiates a nuclear deal with world powers. The president campaigned for greater cultural and social freedoms in his bid to succeeded Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last year.

As recently as Saturday, he articulated a moderate stance about the Internet, which remains tightly regulated by Iranian authorities.

Sites such as YouTube and Facebook are blocked by censors, though many young and Web-savvy Iranians use proxy servers or other workarounds to bypass the controls.

“We should see the cyberworld as an opportunity,” said Rouhani, according to the official IRNA news agency. “Why are we so shaky? Why don’t we trust our youth?”

Hard-liners accuse Rouhani of failing to stop the spread of what they deem “decadent” Western culture in Iran. Last week, hard-liners marched over women not wearing hijabs and dressing provocatively.

While Rouhani pursues a policy of social and cultural openness, hard-liners say the government should be tough to those who challenge interpretations of Islamic norms. They accuse Rouhani of showing leniency and too much tolerance toward those who question Islamic sanctities or women who are not sufficiently veiled.

The dancing Iranians would seem right at home in the West—or indeed in the music video that accompanies Williams’ song. Fans have posted similar videos from around the world, showing people dancing down streets and smiling in choreographed crowds.

But in Iran, some see the trend as promoting the spread of Western culture, as laws in the Islamic Republic ban women from dancing in public or appearing outside without covering her hair with the hijab. The government also bans some websites.

The video that got them in trouble shows hip twentysomethings hamming it up for the camera in sunglasses and silly clothes on Tehran rooftops and alleyways. One of the bearded men goofily dips his female dancing partner.

None of the three women in the video wears a hijab.

The video was posted online several weeks ago. It includes the participants’ first names in a credit roll with outtakes. They describe themselves as Williams fans, adding: “’Happy’ was an excuse to be happy. We enjoyed every second of making it.”

Tehran Police Chief Hossein Sajedinia confirmed the arrests on state TV late Tuesday in a report that blurred images from the video and then showed the six with their backs turned toward the camera.

“They were identified and arrested within six hours,” Sajedinia said.

In the TV broadcast, those arrested said they had been deceived and that the video was not meant to be posted on the Internet.

“They had told us that this video won’t be released anywhere and that it was for our own joy,” one of the women said.

Another detainee said: “They invited us to appear on the video to practice acting.”

It wasn’t immediately clear if the six faced criminal or civil charges, or if they had lawyers.

On the broadcast, Sajedinia warned Iranian young people that police will confront those who challenge Islamic and social norms.

“The youth should try not to be deceived by these people under pretexts such as acting or singing,” he said.

The last time there was a crackdown on music was on Dec. 2, 2013, when Iran’s Morality Police temporarily arrested popular rapper Amir Tataloo, whose songs authorities deem inappropriate. He was released two days later.

## Stallone, Karl share feelings on playing Rocky

**NEW YORK** (AP)—It was a tale of two Rockys when Sylvester Stallone and Andy Karl shared the onstage boxing ring at the Winter Theater hours before a recent show.

Stallone spoke proudly of the character he created more than 40 years ago and how Karl has taken the legacy to new levels with the current Broadway show based on the film.

Back in the early 1970s, a nearly destitute Stallone wrote the screenplay and bargained for the starring role. The actor-writer gave the underdog hero his own values and the journey ended with “Rocky” winning the best picture Oscar in 1977.

“The only difference between me and Rocky is that I wasn’t a boxer. In other words, all the feelings, those were all real. That’s my philosophy on life. Those are my ideals and they still hold true today,” Stallone said.

Instead of the relying on the unbelievable feat of coming out of nowhere to win a heavyweight title, the story depicted the more realistic approach of getting a chance and making the most of it. For Rocky, it was just about going the distance.

AP

In this Oct. 16, 2013 file photo, Sylvester Stallone, left, who played Rocky Balboa in the 1976 film “Rocky,” poses with Andy Karl, who plays Rocky Balboa in the Broadway musical “Rocky,” in New York.

“That’s all it is. I know that I’m not the best actor. I know I can never be the best, but I can be as good as I can be. And that’s what the movie is about,” Stallone said. “I just want to be standing up. That, to me, is my world championship.”

The 67-year old feels the story is in good hands with Karl. And so does the Broadway community: Karl was nominated for a best actor Tony. Stallone said Karl has nicely avoided making the character “like a `Saturday Night Live’ sketch.”

“You can’t just sing, you have to be the physical type. You have to be coordinated. You have to be willing to take a beating every night. Then you have to go through the whole thing of, `Are you imitating or a cliche of the original?’” Stallone said.

For Karl, it was important to honor the honesty of the character, and not try to imitate the film. Winning a Tony isn’t his goal. “At the end of the day, I’m like if I win, who cares? I feel like I won here already,” he said.

But he found that the physical demands of simultaneously rehearsing and training as a boxer exhausted him into a realistic state.

“All these ticks are coming because your shoulders are hurting this day and you got to keep them moving and keep your head moving. And you’re speaking low because you’re tired and everything is like a heavy feeling,” Karl said.

But that doesn’t mean that he’s not excited to go to Radio City Music Hall for the ceremony. He said he just picked up his custom tuxedo. “I just met Kenneth Cole,” he said beaming.

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# 'American Idol' crowns its season 13 winner

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Big-voiced rocker Caleb Johnson is the season 13 "American Idol," winning the title over teenage pop singer Jena Irene.

"This is crazy," Johnson said after host Ryan Seacrest announced the TV audience's decision on Wednesday's season finale of the Fox contest.

Johnson, 23, of Asheville, North Carolina, and Irene, 17, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, told each other "you da bomb" before the result was revealed.

Runner-up Irene is getting a consolation prize: The two competitors and friends are set to attend her high school prom, Seacrest said.

Seacrest did not announce the number of votes cast, as was routine when the show drew huge audiences and impressive vote tallies. "American Idol," which long reigned as TV's top-rated show, now is a moderately successful, top 20 performer.

Johnson's win came on the strength of his renditions Tuesday of "Dream On," "Maybe I'm Amazed" and "As Long as You Love Me," intended as his first single. Irene sang "Dog Days Are Over," "Can't Help Falling in Love" and "We Are One."

AP

Winner Caleb Johnson poses in the press room at the American Idol XIII finale at the Nokia Theatre at L.A. Live on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, in Los Angeles.

He is to receive a recording contract as this season's champion.

The two-hour finale included performances by John Legend, Kiss, Demi Lovato and Lady Antebellum. It also showcased a song by judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr., with judge-turned-mentor Randy Jackson joining in.

Even Seacrest took a turn crooning, proving as a singer he's a great host. He was joined on Richard Marx's "Right Here Waiting" by the singer-songwriter.

NBC's singing contest "The Voice," which leapfrogged "American Idol" in the ratings, has leaned heavily on its performer-coaches to boost audience interest.

Fox, acknowledging the glory days of "American Idol" are behind it, said it likely will cut the show from two nights a week to one next season, after the initial auditions.

# Filming begins in Detroit for Superman-Batman film

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Warner Bros. Pictures says filming has started in Detroit for "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," starring Henry Cavill, reprising his role as Clark Kent/Superman, and Ben Affleck as Bruce Wayne/Batman.

The studio said Wednesday the action feature directed by Zack Snyder will also star Israel-born actress Gal Gadot as Diana Prince/Wonder Woman; Jesse Eisenberg as Lex Luther; Jeremy Irons as Alfred, Bruce Wayne's loyal guardian; and Holly Hunter in a newly created role.

Amy Adams, Laurence Fishburne and Diane Lane will return from 2013's "Man of Steel" to appear in the upcoming film.

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," with additional shooting locations in Illinois, Africa and the South Pacific, is set for release on May 6, 2016.

# Kim, Kanye and Kardashian crowd converge on Paris

**PARIS (AP)**—Working out, shopping, getting together with family—Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are doing it all in Paris this week.

Could they be readying for a rumored weekend wedding extravaganza? The rapper and reality TV star aren't saying. But they've gathered quite a crowd in the French capital, including Kardashian's mother, grandmother and sisters.

In Italy, the Florence mayor's office says the pair will wed and host a reception at a fort there Saturday.

Back in France, the Chateau of Versailles says it's hosting a special visit for the couple and their guests Friday night.

Kardashian representative Ina Treciokas had no comment Wednesday about either the Versailles or Florence plans.

West proposed to Kardashian on her 33rd birthday in October, renting out San Francisco's AT&T Park for the occasion.

AP

Kim Kardashian arrives at a luxury shop in Paris, France, Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

# Philip Roth to appear on Stephen Colbert's show

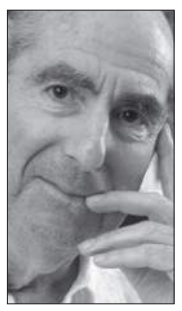
**NEW YORK (AP)**—Philip Roth, one of the world's eminent men of letters, is apparently confused about the meaning of the word "retirement."

All it took to upend his latest farewell was an invitation from Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central spokesman Steve Albani told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the celebrated novelist has agreed to an "extended interview" in July for the cOlbert Book Club.

The 81-year-old Roth has more than once announced he has given his last interview and over the past two weeks has insisted he's done with making public appearances. One promise to quit has been kept: He hasn't released a new book since 2010.

Known for such works as "Portnoy's Complaint" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "American Pastoral," Roth has rarely appeared on television and Colbert may not seem the most obvious candidate to lure him to the small screen. But the comedian and heir to David Letterman on CBS' "Late Show" is widely respected in the literary community. He has been among the most popular speakers at BookExpo America, publishing's annual national convention, and his many author interviews include a hilarious talk with Maurice Sendak that aired in 2012.



Roth

Colbert's book club, the name spelled with an Oprah-esque capital O, has included segments on Ernest Hemingway and J.D. Salinger. According to Albani, the entire episode will be dedicated to Roth, whom he called an "iconic author."

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### US Portrait Gallery adds Katy Perry to collection

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Singer-songwriter Katy Perry is getting an honor usually reserved for later in life. Her portrait is joining the collection at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington. The museum said Wednesday that a 2010 portrait of Perry by artist Will Cotton, entitled "Cupcake Katy," will go on view beginning June 18. It will be part of a rotating display of recently acquired portraits. The tongue-in-cheek picture depicts Perry as a cupcake. Perry previously collaborated with Cotton on the design for her "California Girls" music video. Museum Director Kim Sajet (Sayet) says Perry comes from a tradition of strong women entertainers who challenge their supposedly superficial pop personas. She says on closer look, Perry is a complex figure. Other pop stars in the Smithsonian collection include Beyonce, Madonna and Michael Jackson.

### 'Star Wars' fans to get chance at cameo

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—"Star Wars: Episode VII" director J.J. Abrams is giving fans a shot at a cameo in the film that's set to be released next year. Disney, Lucasfilm and Bad Robot have teamed up for a campaign to raise funds for UNICEF. Abrams announced the initiative in a video from the set of the movie in Abu Dhabi. For every $10 donation at Omaze.com/StarWars, contributors will become eligible to appear in the film when it shoots in London. The campaign began just after midnight Wednesday and runs until 11:59 p.m. PDT on July 18. The cast of "Episode VII" was revealed in April, and Adam Driver is among the newbies. Disney will release the film in December 2015.

# Hardworking couple reluctant to help a freeloading relative

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** My spouse and I, after many long years of school, advanced degrees and work in the corporate world, are now retired. We are (we hope) financially secure.

Both of us have siblings who were less successful for various reasons. What obligation do hardworking people have toward their less successful siblings, especially one who has been a freeloader his entire life?

"Rusty" sponged off his aging parents to keep from having to earn a decent living. We feel sorry for him, but it's the bed he made for himself years ago when he took shortcuts. We're afraid if we give him a hand, he'll expect an arm next time.

As far as I'm concerned, only Rusty's laziness prevents him from getting a part-time job to help pay the bills. If we give him money, we'll have to do it for the other siblings on both sides.

I know this sounds uncharitable, but we worked for 40 years and struggled through everything life had to throw at us. We saved every penny we could and invested wisely. How do we deal with family members who can take care of themselves, but don't?

ANONYMOUS IN AMERICA

**DEAR ANONYMOUS: You decide on a case-by-case basis, unless all of your family members are like Rusty. And if they are, you sympathize, but don't subsidize.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** Most of my childhood was spent with my grandparents, who raised me until I moved out at 21. I have always regarded them as my true parents because they were always there for me.

My biological parents were also a part of my life. I would visit them on weekends. I love them, too, and appreciate that they allowed me to have a stable childhood with my grandparents.

I am engaged to be married next summer, and I need to decide who should walk me down the aisle. I'd like my grandfather to have that honor, but I don't want to hurt my father by not asking him to do it.

What should I do when the time comes to make the decision?

NAMELESS IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR NAMELESS: Consider asking both of them to walk you down the aisle. I'm sure it would touch not only their hearts, but also those of your guests to see you honor your grandfather, who was your "weekDAY father," as well as your dad, your "weekEND father."**

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**DEAR ABBY:** Organized religion has caused me many difficulties throughout my life. I would like to distance myself from it as much as possible. I consider myself a "religious independent." I believe in God, but I don't believe organized religion has anything to do with God.

My question concerns my funeral. Since a funeral is an organized religious ceremony, is it possible to have one without clergy being present? Have you heard of anything like this, and what would you suggest?

WASHINGTON, D.C., READER

**DEAR READER: Instead of a funeral, many people choose to have a "celebration of life," independent from religion. Make sure your family and friends understand your wishes, then talk to a funeral home director and make pre-planning arrangements.**

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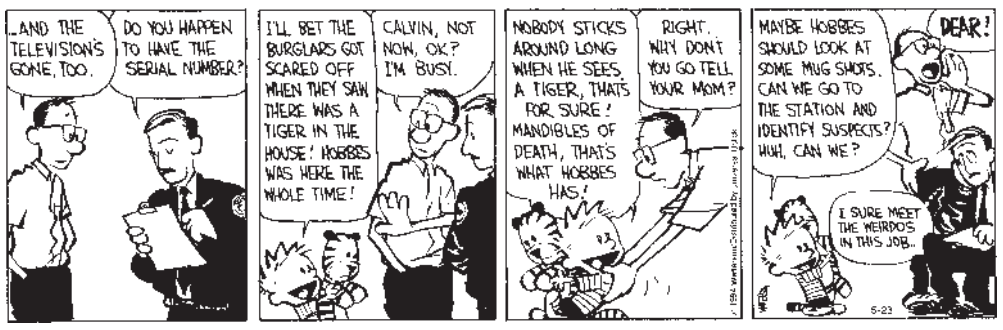
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


...AND THE TELEVISION'S GONE, TOO.
DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE THE SERIAL NUMBER?
I'LL BET THE BURGLARS GOT SCARED OFF WHEN THEY SAW THERE WAS A TIGER IN THE HOUSE! HOBBES WAS HERE THE WHOLE TIME!
CALVIN, NOT NOW, OK? I'M BUSY.
NOBODY STICKS AROUND LONG WHEN HE SEES A TIGER, THAT'S FOR SURE! MANDIBLES OF DEATH, THAT'S WHAT HOBBES HAS!
RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU GO TELL YOUR MOM?
MAYBE HOBBES SHOULD LOOK AT SOME MUG SHOTS. CAN WE GO TO THE STATION AND IDENTIFY SUSPECTS? HUH, CAN WE?
DEAR!
I SURE MEET THE WEIRDOS IN THIS JOB..
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## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING OFF CUSTOMERS JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE IN "YOUR BOOTH," ADAM.
I KNOW. I KNOW.
BUT THIS BOOTH IS LIKE MY GOOD LUCK CHARM. I WRITE BETTER HERE.
THE CUSHION IS JUST RIGHT...THAT VENT DOESN'T BLOW ON ME... THERE'S NO GLARE FROM THE WINDOW...
WOW. YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS THE BEST BOOTH.
(NOT SO LOUD! INTERLOPERS ABOUND!)
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## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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26 Cockeyed
29 Prohibit
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34 Table scrap
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11 "Certainly"
16 14-Across' country
20 Football filler
23 Frilly
24 PC picture
25 Sampras or Seeger
26 Since
27 Singer Amos
28 Worldwide (Abbr.)
29 Violinist's prop
32 Covers, in a way
33 "The Crucible" setting
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**Happy Birthday**: Size up your situation and make choices that will help you get things done. Focus on the end result, but don't lose sight of the guidelines offered. Cutting corners may seem wise at the time but in the end will be costly. Use your head and control impulsive behavior. Love is highlighted, but so is excess and possessiveness. Proceed with caution. Your numbers are 5, 13, 22, 24, 31, 39, 44.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Snap decisions, taking on too much and overreacting will all lead to regrets. Slow down, consider what's at stake and think matters through mentally, not emotionally. Resist anyone trying to push or take advantage of you. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Keep your private matters a secret. Focus on home, family and securing your position personally and professionally. Pick up skills, information or anything that will ensure future prospects. Keeping up with the fast-paced world we live in is essential. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Discriminate when it comes to helping others. Don't let anyone play on your emotions or blackmail you into doing something questionable. You can offer suggestions, but do so for your benefit, not others. Love is on the rise. ✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Strive for perfection, quality and uniqueness in all that you do. You will secure your position if you are reliable, entertaining and competitive. Don't let anger get the better of you. It's best to sidestep a no-win situation rather than waste time. ✪✪✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep moving and improving. You'll pick up valuable information watching the way others operate. Don't hesitate to update your skills, appearance or interests. Getting involved in a project will lead to new friendships. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep a close watch on your financial, legal or health matters. The information you receive may be misleading. Take a conservative approach and protect what you already have. Now is not the time to take a risk, even if it looks tempting. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't count on anyone. Follow through with your promises, and keep on moving. Idle time will bring you down and lead to trouble. Use your head, your experience and your quick wit to stay ahead of any competition you face. Avoid the past. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Explore new possibilities. Visiting unfamiliar places or people will open up all sorts of possibilities you hadn't considered in the past. Express your interest, but don't make a commitment or down payment that will bind you. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Your keen sense of timing and your abundance of energy will help you make choices and get things done. A personal update to your looks, lifestyle or love life will boost your ego and stimulate your imagination. ✪✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick close to home and avoid any feud with friends, relatives and neighbors. Stick to your plans and focus on taking care of your domestic chores and personal pampering. You deserve a break and should hide out where it's safe and sound. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Communicate with old friends. Remembering the past will help you move forward. A change in the way you think and the goals you set can be quickly implemented into your routine. Positive, progressive action will lead to a better future. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Wheel and deal. Approach people you feel are the right ones to help you get a project up and running. Ask questions and address past issues that may stand in your way. Listen to your heart, but follow your head. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are a mover and a shaker. You are aggressive, risky and magnetic.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION Sol.: 5 letters**

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| **Joseph Tenorio Guerrero** Petitioner, | ) **NOTICE OF** ) **HEARING** ) |

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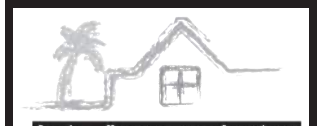

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# Spurs roll to 2-0 lead with 112-77 rout of Thunder

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—The San Antonio Spurs are rolling toward a return to the NBA Finals, and Oklahoma City looks powerless to slow them down without Serge Ibaka.

Tony Parker scored 22 points, Danny Green made seven 3-pointers and added 21, and the Spurs used a dominant third quarter to decimate the Thunder 112-77 on Wednesday night and take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Tim Duncan added 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Manu Ginobili and Boris Diaw had 11 points apiece off the bench in San Antonio's second straight rout.

"We just did our job. We won our first two games at home and I'm sure they're going to go back and say we have to do our job and win two games at home," Parker said, recalling that the Spurs blew a 2-0 lead against the Thunder in the 2012 West finals.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook each had 15 points, but the third-quarter barrage made spectators of both—not that they accomplished much when they did play. The star duo combined to shoot 13 for 40, including 4 for 14 in the third quarter.

Game 3 is Sunday at Oklahoma City, and the Spurs are trying to remind themselves it probably won't remain this easy.

"Manu said it's a dangerous win but I believe in our group," Green said. "I believe that we have the maturity, the character and the experience to stay focused and not take this win to head."

Playing without the injured Ibaka and given two days to adjust to dropping Game 1 by 17 points, the Thunder performed worse.

San Antonio closed the first half on a 25-8 run, then Parker and Green each had eight points in the third quarter as San Antonio outscored Oklahoma City 33-18.

AP

San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) celebrates with teammate Tiago Splitter (22) after Duncan scored against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the second half of Game 2 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, in San Antonio.

"If they had won this game by one point, we'd still be down 0-2," Durant said.

"(We) lost by a lot two games in a row. It's hard for you to stay together, but we have a group of guys that are not front-runners and we'll figure it out."

It was a shocking turn for the Thunder, who started well.

"It definitely doesn't feel good and it shouldn't," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "I hope our locker doesn't feel good. You shouldn't feel good. We got our butts kicked. But we have a good opportunity to come back and win Game 3."

Oklahoma City opened more aggressive on both ends, especially defensively. The physicality disrupted the Spurs early and frustrated them emotionally.

Duncan was issued a technical with about 5 minutes left in the first quarter after complaining when Ed Malloy ruled he threw a hip into Durant.

It turned out the Spurs veteran had little to worry about, as the Thunder finished just 4 for 9 on free throws.

The Thunder scored five straight to open the game, with Westbrook's 3 capping the early run and producing what would become their largest lead of the series at 5-0.

Oklahoma City did not go under on pick-and-rolls as they did in Game 1, which allowed Parker more scoring opportunities. He took four shots in the opening five minutes. His first two baskets came on driving layups, including running right down the middle of the lane with Thabo Sefolosha trailing by a couple of steps.

San Antonio continued to struggle with its shot, but righted itself with offensive rebounding.

Green hit consecutive 3s to extend the Spurs' advantage to 55-44 with a minute left in the first half. San Antonio later rebounded a missed layup by Ginobili and Parker's errant 3-pointer, leading to a high-arcing 3 by Ginobili for a 58-44 lead. Ginobili then drew a charge on Westbrook's 3 on the ensuing possession.

Durant and Westbrook opened the game 9 for 26 in the first half. Durant had one field goal in the final 16 minutes of the first half.

Durant made his first two field goals of the second half, but did not have another for the rest of the half.

Oklahoma City went scoreless for two minutes midway through the third quarter as San Antonio built its lead to 76-50 on a pair of free throws by Duncan with 6:20 remaining.

## George diagnosed with concussion after Game 2 hit

**MIAMI** (AP)—The long break between games in the Eastern Conference finals could be welcomed by Indiana, after Pacers guard Paul George was diagnosed Wednesday with a concussion that will force him to complete several NBA-mandated procedures before he can return to the matchup against the Miami Heat.

The series, now tied at a game apiece, doesn't resume until Saturday night.

And what at first might have been looked at as an awkward break—three full days off until the next game day—is probably now welcomed by the Pacers. Indiana not only needs to get George cleared but also had starters Lance Stephenson, Roy Hibbert and David West all either limping or ailing in the final minutes of the Game 2 loss on Tuesday night.

George was hurt with 6:52 left in the fourth quarter of Miami's Game 2 victory. He stole the ball from Heat guard Dwyane Wade, but could not keep control and wound up tumbling face-first to the court. Wade, also going for the ball, struck the back of George's head with his left knee, then appeared to scrape the same area with his right leg as he also fell to the hardwood.

George remained down for a few moments, but played the remainder of the game. He revealed afterward that he "blacked out" on the play, something that the Pacers say was not relayed to their medical staff.

"George exhibited no symptoms of a concussion and, in response to questions from the Pacers' medical staff, he denied dizziness, nausea, and issues with his vision," the Pacers said Wednesday. "He was also active and aware of his surroundings. As a result, the Indiana medical staff did not suspect a concussion."

But after the "blacked out" comment, the Pacers evaluated George again Wednesday morning.

"This case illustrates that concussion evaluation is an ongoing process and manifestations of the injury may not always present immediately," said NBA Concussion Program Director Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, who will discuss George's return-to-participation process with the Pacers' team doctor before clearance is given for a return.

Miami evened the series with an 87-83 win, after LeBron James and Wade controlled the fourth quarter for the Heat. George made a 3-pointer to give Indiana a 73-69 lead on the possession immediately preceding the one where he got tangled with Wade. The Heat answered with a 13-2 run over the next 5 minutes, James scoring nine of those points and Wade getting the other four.

Just like that, the Heat grabbed the home-court edge in the series.

"They're a tough bunch," Heat forward Chris Bosh said of the Pacers. "Very good team and we're going to continue to challenge each other throughout the series. It's just now getting started. We have to take care of home court. First, we can really relax for a few days, and then get to it on Saturday."

Both teams were off on Wednesday.

"I just know I've got warriors behind me, and we're just going to take it to them," Stephenson said. "We've just got to take our time. It's a long series. We've just got to stay together."

The NBA's concussion policy states that once a player is diagnosed, he needs to be "held out of all activity until he is symptom-free at rest" and until neurological signs return to normal. George will have to go through tests of increasing exertion before he gets cleared.

"It's important to note that there is no timeframe to complete the protocol," the NBA's policy states. "Each injury and player is different and recovery time can vary in each case."

Pacers coach Frank Vogel said he was told during the game that George was "good to go."

There were plenty of other aches and pains for Indiana to deal with. West appeared to get poked in an eye in the fourth quarter, Hibbert was flexing his left leg after a tumble in the final seconds, and Stephenson went down at midcourt after colliding with Wade on the game's final play, grabbing the area around his right knee.

Stephenson got up, took the game's last shot and then limped off without needing any on-court medical attention.

"It's never pretty basketball in the Eastern Conference," James said.

## Sources: Wolves get permission to talk Joerger

**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—With the Memphis Grizzlies front office in turmoil, the Minnesota Timberwolves are strongly considering hiring coach Dave Joerger away to take over the team in his home state.

The Timberwolves received permission from the Grizzlies to interview Joerger and will meet with him on Thursday, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The people requested anonymity because the Timberwolves are not commenting publicly on their coaching candidates, but all indications were that Joerger was in the driver's seat to replace the retired Rick Adelman.

Joerger, who is from Staples, Minnesota, and went to college at Division-II Minnesota State, Moorhead, went 50-32 in his first season as Grizzlies coach. After a rough start while the team transitioned from coaching veteran Lionel Hollins to the first-timer Joerger, the Grizzlies pulled together, overcame several injuries to key players and surged to the seventh seed in the hyper-competitive Western Conference.

But after pushing the Oklahoma City Thunder to seven games before losing in the first round, owner Robert Pera made the surprising decision to overhaul the front office. He fired CEO Jason Levien and director of player personnel Stu Lash, two moves that immediately called into question Joerger's job security.

Joerger goes way back with Timberwolves president of basketball operations Flip Saunders. As a young coach trying to make his way up the ladder, Joerger came to watch Saunders, who coached the Timberwolves from 1995-2005, run practices. The two formed a mutual respect which lasts to this day.

"The Timberwolves are the only NBA team of the 30 in the league that are in his home state and after having a long and honest conversation with Dave, he felt he owed it to his family, which resides entirely in Minnesota ... and we felt we owed it to Dave to at least have a discussion in this regard," Grizzlies GM Chris Wallace told ESPN 92.9 FM in Memphis.

# Simon weathers delay as Reds top Nationals, 2-1

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Alfredo Simon settled down after a poor start and came back after a 61-minute rain delay to win his sixth game, allowing one run over seven innings Thursday in the Cincinnati Reds' 2-1 victory over the Washington Nationals.

Simon gave up a leadoff homer to Denard Span in the first, worked out of a jam in the second, then allowed only three more baserunners as the Reds finished a road trip by taking two of three from Washington.

Simon (6-2) threw two innings after the storm that interrupted the game for just over an hour. Jonathan Broxton handled the eighth, and Aroldis Chapman pitched a one-two-three ninth for his third save, hitting 103 mph on the stadium's radar gun on a pitch while striking out Danny Espinosa.

### Brewers 6, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Mark Reynolds hit a first-inning grand slam and Kyle Lohse combined with Francisco Rodriguez on a five-hitter as the Brewers ended a four-game losing streak.

Carlos Gomez added a two-run homer in the fourth for Milwaukee.

Lohse (6-1) was sharp in going eight innings to win his sixth straight decision. He gave up one run on four hits with no walks and eight strikeouts. Lohse's only loss of the season came against the Braves on April 1.

### Giants 5, Rockies 1

In Denver, Hunter Pence hit one of San Francisco's three solo homers and reliever Yusmeiro Petit threw three sharp innings after starter Matt Cain left with a strained right hamstring.

Pablo Sandoval and Brandon Crawford also connected for the NL West-leading Giants, who won at Coors Field for just the fifth time in 15 games dating back to last season.

### Marlins 14, Phillies 5

In Miami, Marcell Ozuna hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to help power Miami.

Christian Yelich, Garrett Jones, and Jarrod Saltalamacchia each drove in two runs for the Marlins, who have the best home record (18-6) in baseball.

Nathan Eovaldi (3-2) allowed three run—one earned—and 10 hits in six innings for Miami.

### Dodgers 4, Mets 3

In New York, Adrian Gonzalez homered for the third straight game, and Yasiel Puig and Hanley Ramirez hit back-to-back shots for Los Angeles.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (4-2) came off the disabled list and pitched the Dodgers to their 11th victory in 12 meetings with the Mets dating to July 1, 2012. Ramirez drove in two runs and Los Angeles enjoyed most of the vocal support from the 23,721 fans at Citi Field, many of whom turned out to cheer Ryu.

The lefty from South Korea, sidelined since late April with shoulder inflammation, improved to 4-0 in five starts away from home this season.

### Cardinals 3, Diamondbacks 2, 12 innings

In St. Louis, Arizona shortstop Chris Owings threw wildly to the plate on a bases-loaded grounder in the 12th inning, allowing Matt Holliday to score the winning run for St. Louis.

The Cardinals cut down the go-ahead run at the plate in the 10th on Daniel Descalso's perfect relay throw from down the left field line to nail Ender Inciarte trying to score from first on Paul Goldschmidt's two-out double.

### Yankees 4, Cubs 2, 13 innings

In Chicago, Brendan Ryan scored off a wild pitch before John Ryan Murphy capped a two-run 13th inning with an RBI single as New York beat the Cubs after Chicago wasted another dominant start by Jeff Samardzija.

New York scored two in the ninth against Hector Rondon to wipe out a 2-0 deficit. Samardzija pitched four-hit ball over seven innings.

Ryan started the winning rally with a leadoff single against Jose Veras (0-1). Yangervis Solarte walked, and the runners moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Preston Claiborne (2-0) toward third.

### Pirates 9, Orioles 8

In Pittsburgh, Tony Sanchez's tiebreaking single scored Starling Marte in the bottom of the seventh to put Pittsburgh ahead to stay.

Andrew McCutchen went 3 for 4 with an RBI and his first two extra-base hits in more than two weeks for Pittsburgh, which won for only the third time in its past nine games. Marte and Ike Davis had three hits and two RBIs apiece for the Pirates.

Bryan Morris (4-0) earned the victory after allowing the Orioles to tie the game in the top of the seventh. Mark Melancon worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

### Indians 11, Tigers 10

In Cleveland, Asdrubal Cabrera scored off Al Alburquerque's bases-loaded baulk in the 13th inning to give the Cleveland Indians a victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Alex Avila's two-out homer in the top of the inning put Detroit ahead, but the Indians scored twice for their second walk-off win in the three-game sweep.

Mike Aviles led off with a single against Phil Coke (0-1) and took second on Michael Bourn's sacrifice. After Asdrubal Cabrera was hit by a pitch, Michael Brantley lined a single to left for his fourth hit that scored Aviles, who slid home before Rajai Davis' throw.

### Rangers 4, Mariners 3

In Arlington, Texas, Nick Tepesch won for the first time in more than 10 months and Shin-Soo Choo hit a tie-breaking home run as Texas defeated Seattle.

Choo led off the fifth with his homer into the bullpen in left-center. Joakim Soria pitched a perfect inning for his eighth save.

Tepesch (1-0) went 6 1-3 innings for his first win since last July 5. He allowed five hits and two walks.

### Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 4

In Boston, Edwin Encarnacion had two homers for the second straight game as Toronto sent the Red Sox to their sixth consecutive loss.

Encarnacion has seven homers in his last six games. He is the first Toronto player to have four multi-homer games in a month, and the first major-leaguer to do so since Troy Tulowitzki in September of 2010.

Drew Hutchison (3-3) allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings for Toronto, which has won seven of its last nine games. The Blue Jays have won three consecutive series. Casey Janssen pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

### Royals 3, White Sox 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Jeremy Guthrie, Wade Davis and Greg Holland combined on a four-hitter as Kansas City rallied in the eighth inning to avoid being swept in a three-game series.

The White Sox had scored 14 runs and hit five home runs in the first two games.

### Athletics 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Brandon Moss hit a solo homer for Oakland's only hit as the Athletics took advantage of the sloppy Rays.

Oakland scored twice on two errors and a pair of walks in the second inning, helping the A's win for the first time since at least 1914 while getting only one hit, according to the team.

Moss hit his 10th home run—and 11th extra-base hit in seven games—off Erik Bedard in the fourth inning. Oakland's fifth straight victory, coupled with Detroit's loss earlier Wednesday, gave the A's the best record in the major leagues at 30-16.

### Angels 2, Astros 1

In Anaheim, California, Jered Weaver pitched a two-hitter for his first complete game in nearly two years and Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead home run in the sixth for Los Angeles.

Weaver (5-3) went the distance for the 12th time in 241 career starts and first time since Aug. 6, 2012, when he beat the Athletics 4-0 with a four-hitter. The three-time All-Star struck out five, walked one and retired 17 of his last 19 batters — including 10 straight after giving up a leadoff homer to George Springer in the fourth. Weaver is 5-1 with a 1.70 ERA over his last seven starts.


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# 140 take part in SOPHIA Walk

A total of 140 took part in last Saturday's 15th Annual SOPHIA Walk/Run that had participants negotiate a leisurely stroll from Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan to the Saipan Gold Beach Hotel and back.

Organized by the Marianas Walking Association and Fiesta Resort & Spa, the event is one of fun and friendship with added benefits of good health and physical fitness.

Registration was free but walkers could pay $7 to get a commemorative T-shirt. SOPHIA is the acronym for Saipan Outdoor Physical Healthy Invigorating Activity.

There was a good turnout of 115 participants from various companies including 72 Fiesta employees registered to run/walk the 5K distance.

The start/finish lines were at Fiesta Resort. Fiesta volunteers manned the water station and the 5K turning point across Gold Beach Hotel. The Marianas Health Services volunteers were also on site to check blood pressure and blood sugar test for the participants who were interested. Also on site were volunteers from the Commonwealth Cancer Association handing out brochures and pamphlets to educate the community about the disease.

Medals were given to: Oldest Female, former first lady Sophia Tenorio; Youngest Female, Suisa Nishikawa (3 years old); Oldest Male, Nemoto Shuji (76 years old); and Youngest Male, Jim Takeru (7 years old).

This year's event would not have been another success without the following sponsors: Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Joeten Ent., Yaong Corp., Luen Fung, and Triple J. ***(PR)***

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Participants of last Saturday's 15th Annual SOPHIA Walk/Run pose for a group photo before the start of the 5K Walk in front of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.

## JAPANESE

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Gabriella Da Silva Fick, 6-1, 6-2.

In another battle of seeded players, the No. 3 Takeuchi downed the sixth-ranked Maria Dominique Ong of the Philippines, 6-3, 6-4, for a semis date with Hirata. The Japanese qualifier got a break in yesterday's quarterfinal round after giant killer Sing-Le Fan Chiang of Chinese-Taipei retired due to injury. The unranked Chiang, who booted out Katano in the first round and beat Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the second, was ahead, 4-3, when she decided to call off her match against Hirata.

The Hirata-Takeuchi semis showdown is set for today at 10am at PIC's Court 1, while Takanishi and Shimizu play their Final Four tiff at 8am on Court 2.

Meanwhile, the semis cast in the girls doubles was also completed yesterday with three Japanese teams earnings slots to the next round.

The top-ranked pair of Ota and Takeuchi defeated Hirata and Ong, 7-6 (3), 6-1, to advance against Shimizu and Takanishi, who swept the CNMI's Mikayla Lopez and Negahr Rastguiy, 6-1, 6-3.

The other semis pairing in the girls doubles will have the fourth-seeded Katano and Asumi Kanazawa facing the Thailand duo and second-ranked Jittakoat and Gorbua Srisirisupayok. Katano and Kanazawa swept Australia's Millie Khoury and Hong Kong's Alvina Lai, 6-3, 6-3, while the Thai pair eliminated the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman and Rengiil, 7-5, 6-3.

### Upset in boys singles

Upsets marked the quarterfinal round of the boys singles.

The fifth-ranked Jack Barber of the U.S. pulled off a stunner against top seed Jack Wong of Hong Kong, winning yesterday's quarterfinal match in three sets. Barber took the opening set, 6-2, but Wong forced a deciding third set with a similar 6-2 win in the second. Barber went on to complete the upset with a 6-3 victory in the third and arranged a semis duel against No. 7 Ming Chung Alan Sou of Hong Kong.

Sou also endured a three-set quarterfinal match at the upper half of the bracket against fellow Hong Kong player Ching Lam. The unranked Lam threatened Sou with a tough 7-6 (4) win in the first set before the latter avoided the former's upset axe by sweeping the last two sets, 6-2, 6-3.

In the lower half of the draw, the eighth-ranked Benard Bruno Nkomba of Australia ousted the third-seeded Chak Yin Chan, 6-2, 6-1, while the No. 2 pick Taisei Miyamoto of Japan is still living up to his lofty billing, following a quarterfinal sweep against the No. 6 seed Kody Pearson, 6-3, 6-3.

Miyamoto and Nkomba will battle for the second finals berth today at 10am after the first semis match between Barber and Sou at 8am.

Barber is also in the semifinals in the doubles event, as he and Hong Kong's Chak Yin Chan rallied past Indonesia's Steven Harianto Poedji and South Korea's Yohan Sung, 5-7, 6-2, 10-8. The top-ranked Chan and Barber will battle Japan's Miyamoto and Yuki Watanabe in the semifinals at the upper half of the draw after the latter pair also survived Nkomba and Pearson in three sers, 2-6, 6-0, 12-10.

In the lower half of the draw, the semis match up will be Hong Kong's Ching Lam and Wong against Japan's Daisuke Sumizawa and Cheuk Yin Yuen. The Hong Kong pair earned a 6-3, 6-3 quarterfinal win over the CNMI's Tommy Choi and Amami Sakano, while Sumizawa and Yuen beat Australia's Joshua Ecalnir and Chris Kafataris, 6-2, 6-4.

## CNMI

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FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director and former Olympian Luam Khen Koo will coach the selection.

The team is composed of the core of the CNMI Women's National Team that is preparing for an East Asian Football Federation-sanctioned competition in Guam in July this year. Goalkeeper Jhaneeka Atalig leads the selection and is joined by Melody Johnson, Dianne Pablo, Angie Ito, Mikky Vargas, Jeraldine and Jeralyn Castillo, Gabrielle Race, Alexa Vergara, Elaine Vergara, Michelle and Rachel Masga, Thea Minor, Renita Fleming, Chloe Salvosa, Elizabeth Phan, and Irish Pagarao.

The CNMI players will be challenging several teams in Hong Kong and Noetzel is hoping the Commonwealth bets will show consistency for 90 minutes of every game and stand their ground against Hong Kong teams.

"It will be their first match in a while and we expect them to play some quality football and go out there and do what they have been practicing for the past few months," Noetzel said.

Ito, who is one of the five midfielders on the team, said the Hong Kong tournament will warm the girls up for the EAFF and make up for the two friendly games they were scheduled to play against Guam.

"We were supposed to play Guam in last year's Marianas Cup, but that match did not materialize and the friendly game early this year was also cancelled. Then a few months ago, we got an invite to play in Hong Kong and that somehow gave the girls the motivation to train and have a feel of actual games that would prepare them for the EAFF tournament," Ito said.

She added that several players from the selection have shown significant improvement and gained experience from previous off-island tournaments in the last two years.

"We have better players now. They know what they are up to and have improved their chemistry on and off the pitch," Ito said.

## WORLD

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will run from June 12 to July 13 and CNMI football fans are expected to be glued on TV for one month to root for their teams.

Tan, a fan of the England team, added Brazil, with its five World Cup wins, is his bet for one of the finals slot, but outside the host country, underrated Germany and defending champion Spain have the strong chance to make it to the title match.

"Only a few are giving Germany a second look or favorite tag, but if you look at the past World Cup results, the Germans have strong finishes. They have been to the semifinals several times," Tan said.

MP United coach Norman Del Rosario also picked Germany and Brazil, while France is his biggest dark horse with the blend of youth and talent on the team.

"I pick Germany because this is the deepest team in the competition. From Manuel Neuer to Thomas Muller to Bastian Schweinsteiger, Phillip Lahm and Mesut Ozil, this squad is extremely deep and a dangerous team. The combination of veterans and young stars is part of the dynamic that makes the German team work," he said. "I like Brazil because it is largely based on defensive solidity. Captain Thiago is rated as one of the best defenders in the world."

Tan Holdings FC player and coach Jershwin Angeles also goes for Brazil although his favorite teams are Spain and Japan.

"Brazil has a lot of young and talented players, plus playing in their own country is a huge advantage. Japan is the underdog yet other teams will not have an easy game against this squad," Angeles said.

"It's always hard to beat a team playing at home and in front of the supportive crowd that's why I also picked Brazil," NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta said

CNMI youth player Sean Hayakawa Perez is not joining he growing group favoring Brazil, as he likes the Japanese team, but picks Portugal.

"I will go for Portugal since I think Ronaldo improved so much the past three years and I know he will do much better this year. I am half Japanese and it would be nice to see them play and hopefully win matches," Perez.

Shirley's FC player and coach Angie Ito is betting on Spain, as several players on the squad also play for her favorite team, the FC Barcelona in the La Liga.

Meanwhile, *Saipan Tribune* will run previews of each group every Wednesday and Friday, beginning next week so you can know your team better as well as help you decide where to put your money on.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 24 | 21 | .533 | – |
| Toronto | 25 | 22 | .532 | – |
| Baltimore | 23 | 21 | .523 | ½ |
| Boston | 20 | 25 | .444 | 4 |
| Tampa Bay | 19 | 28 | .404 | 6 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 27 | 15 | .643 | – |
| Minnesota | 23 | 21 | .523 | 5 |
| Kansas City | 23 | 23 | .500 | 6 |
| Chicago | 23 | 25 | .479 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 22 | 25 | .468 | 7½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 30 | 16 | .652 | – |
| Los Angeles | 26 | 20 | .565 | 4 |
| Seattle | 22 | 23 | .489 | 7½ |
| Texas | 22 | 24 | .478 | 8 |
| Houston | 17 | 30 | .362 | 13½ |

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 25 | 20 | .556 | – |
| Washington | 24 | 22 | .522 | 1½ |
| Miami | 24 | 23 | .511 | 2 |
| Philadelphia | 20 | 23 | .465 | 4 |
| New York | 20 | 25 | .444 | 5 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 28 | 19 | .596 | – |
| St. Louis | 25 | 21 | .543 | 2½ |
| Cincinnati | 21 | 24 | .467 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 26 | .422 | 8 |
| Chicago | 16 | 28 | .364 | 10½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 29 | 18 | .617 | – |
| Colorado | 26 | 21 | .553 | 3 |
| Los Angeles | 25 | 22 | .532 | 4 |
| San Diego | 21 | 26 | .447 | 8 |
| Arizona | 18 | 30 | .375 | 11½ |

### NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS

**Scoring**

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Durant, OKC | 14 | 146 | 108 | 436 | 31.1 |
| James, MIA | 10 | 99 | 81 | 295 | 29.5 |
| Harden, HOU | 6 | 50 | 45 | 161 | 26.8 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 14 | 126 | 99 | 371 | 26.5 |
| Aldridge, POR | 11 | 113 | 60 | 288 | 26.2 |
| Howard, HOU | 6 | 58 | 40 | 156 | 26.0 |
| DeRozan, TOR | 7 | 45 | 71 | 167 | 23.9 |
| Griffin, LAC | 13 | 117 | 71 | 306 | 23.5 |
| Curry, GOL | 7 | 51 | 37 | 161 | 23.0 |
| Lillard, POR | 11 | 83 | 59 | 252 | 22.9 |
| George, IND | 14 | 98 | 77 | 309 | 22.1 |
| Johnson, Bro | 12 | 98 | 36 | 254 | 21.2 |
| Lowry, TOR | 7 | 44 | 43 | 148 | 21.1 |
| Ellis, DAL | 7 | 52 | 27 | 143 | 20.4 |
| Paul, LAC | 13 | 92 | 41 | 257 | 19.8 |
| Walker, CHA | 4 | 26 | 14 | 78 | 19.5 |
| Millsap, ATL | 7 | 41 | 45 | 136 | 19.4 |
| Parsons, HOU | 6 | 46 | 11 | 116 | 19.3 |
| Teague, ATL | 7 | 44 | 38 | 135 | 19.3 |
| Beal, WAS | 11 | 75 | 39 | 211 | 19.2 |

**FG Percentage**

| | FG | FGA | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Johnson, TOR | 34 | 52 | .654 |
| Valanciunas, TOR | 31 | 49 | .633 |
| Ibaka, OKC | 69 | 112 | .616 |
| James, MIA | 99 | 174 | .569 |
| Gibson, CHI | 32 | 57 | .561 |
| Howard, HOU | 58 | 106 | .547 |
| Patterson, TOR | 26 | 48 | .542 |
| Duncan, SAN | 91 | 170 | .535 |
| Johnson, Bro | 98 | 184 | .533 |
| Lee, GOL | 41 | 77 | .532 |

**Rebounds**

| | G | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Howard, HOU | 6 | 27 | 55 | 82 | 13.7 |
| Noah, CHI | 5 | 15 | 49 | 64 | 12.8 |
| Jordan, LAC | 13 | 43 | 120 | 163 | 12.5 |
| Millsap, ATL | 7 | 21 | 55 | 76 | 10.9 |
| Aldridge, POR | 11 | 30 | 87 | 117 | 10.6 |
| Gortat, WAS | 11 | 36 | 73 | 109 | 9.9 |
| Valanciunas, TOR | 7 | 19 | 49 | 68 | 9.7 |
| Durant, OKC | 14 | 17 | 116 | 133 | 9.5 |
| Jefferson, CHA | 3 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 9.3 |
| Lee, GOL | 7 | 24 | 40 | 64 | 9.1 |

**Assists**

| | G | AST | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paul, LAC | 13 | 135 | 10.4 |
| Curry, GOL | 7 | 59 | 8.4 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 14 | 116 | 8.3 |
| Conley, MEM | 7 | 55 | 7.9 |
| Wall, WAS | 11 | 78 | 7.1 |
| Lillard, POR | 11 | 72 | 6.5 |
| Walker, CHA | 4 | 24 | 6.0 |
| Harden, HOU | 6 | 35 | 5.8 |
| Williams, Bro | 12 | 70 | 5.8 |
| Parker, SAN | 13 | 71 | 5.5 |

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# Island Manpower, Blue Haus enter semis

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Island Manpower hung tough in the second half to outlast the Rollers, 77-72, in a playoff game in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Island Manpower is now in the semifinals and will play top-ranked JP World in the first Final Four pairing tonight at 6:30pm. The defending champion Blue Haus, which eliminated the Hoopaholics in the other playoff match last Wednesday night, 68-58, takes on Toka in the second semis tiff tonight at 8pm.

Ahead by only a hair at the end of first half, 30-29, Island Manpower led by as much as 10 in the third and withstood the Rollers' repeated rallies. In the fourth quarter, Island Manpower tasted its biggest lead (12), twice 59-47 and 69-57, and again held on against the Rollers' comeback bids to bag the last semis berth.

The Rollers made a final push when it cut the deficit to 7, 65-72, with Prince Factor leading an 8-3 exchange, going into the last 1:45 of the fourth. Island Manpower then missed on its first offensive set, but Jun Tabora picked up the ball and drilled a point-blanked shot to make it a 9-point game, 74-65, 1:36 remaining on the clock.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Rollers' C.J. Morales rams into the defense of Island Manpower center Jun Javier during the third quarter of their playoff game in the QQ caging last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The Rollers refused to give up with Jun Fidelino converting a triple and Island Manpower muffing a couple of shots on a series of possessions on the other end. The Rollers also had a chance to move closer, but went 2-for-4 from the line and got only 2 more points from C.J. Morales, while committing two errors in the homestretch and a missed triple in the final 10 seconds to bid goodbye to the competition. Island Manpower, on the other hand got a split from Cecilio Bisana and a fastbreak basket from Jerome Norita in the last 30 seconds to secure a semis spot.

Bisana finished with a team-high 18 points and the rest of his teammates contributed in the victory that avenged Island Manpower's 75-80 loss to the Rollers in the regular season.

Factor paced the Rollers with 27 points, while Morales also had double figures, but his 13 markers was way behind the 20-plus points he drilled in the last three games before the playoffs. The lefty guard hit only one 3-point shot and five field goals, as he was often challenged by the heftier Island Manpower defenders.

In the first game, Blue Haus was in control of its playoff match against the Hoopaholics right from the get-go to notch a double-digit winning margin.

Leo Galarse led Blue Haus' cruise control, firing 20 points, while Bart Demapan and Elmer Esdrelon contributed 15 and 11, respectively in a low-scoring game.

### First Game

**Blue Haus 68** – Galarse 20, Demapan 15, Esdrelon 11, Berline 6, Devero 5, Barbo 2, Talania 2.

**Hoopaholics 58** – Lauron 14, Fitial 12, Manibusan 10, Villacrusis 5, Itibus 4, Diaz 3, Cabrera 2, Mendez 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-9, 31-12, 49-43, 68-58.

### Second Game

**Island Manpower 77** – Bisana 18, Tabora 11, Capalad 9, Javier 7, Lizama 6, Norita 6, Teregeyo 5, Kaipat 4, Tobias 3, Libuw 2, Hernaez 2.

**Rollers 72** – Factor 27, Morales 13, Fidelino 8, Espinosa 7, Cayading 7, Arciaga 4, Nakayama 2.

# Edralin earns four straight wins

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Community Badminton Club's Deether Edralin collected four straight victories in Week 2 of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament.

The string of wins came after Edralin dropped his opener in the men's singles B division, losing to Ezekiel Macario in Day 2 of Week 1 of the competition being played at the TSL Sports Complex. The youth player quickly regained his form last Friday, sweeping Celso Agui, 21-14, 21-14. The following day, he was paired against Joel Ortega and survived the latter in three games, 21-15, 16-21, 21-15. Then last Sunday Edralin extended his streak to four after notching two more wins. He had another tough win against Jeff Riman in the first set of matches last Sunday, 21-14, 20-21, 21-16, and also took three games to thwart Kevin Young Son, 18-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Two other singles matches kicked off the action last Sunday with Macoi Aguda and Sam Jones winning their respective men's A division matches. Aguda downed Gary Bandoja, 21-17, 21-15, while Jones slipped past doubles teammate Glenn Bluutjens, 19-21, 21-16, 21-16.

In other results in the singles matches last Sunday, Hannah Choi beat Lani Bartolome in the women's A 21-13, 21-10; Ferdia Arago topped Bandoja in the men's A, 21-10, 21-18; and Raphael Zapanta, Jeremy Montenejo, Son, and Marc Mora won via defaults.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Deether Edralin makes a backhand return during his and Havikka Farro's mixed doubles B game against Joel Ortega and Loyda Ito in the opening week of the IT&E badminton tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the mixed doubles B, Cris Hilario and Windy Fernandez defeated Panapa Peteru and Emily Vargas in 8-21, 21-15; Oh Im Bog and Dianne Francisco edged Jun Lee and Rowena Sison, 19-21, 21-15, 21-14; and Vic Regis and Cheng Saturno won via default over Roger Vales and Heo In Seok. In the mixed doubles A, Bluutjens and Alma Ortega dominated Aguda and Toshiko Obata, 21-18, 21-11.

Obata also played last Saturday in the women's singles B and triumphed over Sison, 21-14, 21-10, while other singles winners that day were Tae Ho Kim, Tommy Kim, Edwin Montoya, Sato San, Roxe Lazaro, A.J. Ortega, Riman, and Bartolome. In the mixed doubles B, Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano prevailed against Mora and Patricia Abantao, 21-14, 21-8.

# 2 Saipan couples join Honolulu Triathlon

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The husband-and-wife pairs of Joshua and Mamiko Berger and Bruce and Yurie Lorange completed last weekend's Honolulu Triathlon.

Joshua was the fastest among the four Saipan participants, finishing the 1.5-kilometer swim leg, 40K bike race, and 10K run in 2:50:50, a personal best time for the 61-year-old triathlete. He clocked in at 32:23 in the swim leg held in the waters of the Pacific Ocean at Ala Moana Beach Park, 1:14:54 in the bike portion from Magic Island to Ala Moana Beach Park, and 57:39 in the run part that took place inside the waterfront park to place eighth out of the 24 participants in his age group (60 to 64)

"I had to build an enormous lead on the bike so Mamiko would not try to run me down," Joshua said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Mamiko started the race with a time of 34:27 in the swim leg and fell behind Joshua in the bike leg with her 1:26:06 before pushing for a faster time of 49:54 in the run portion of the event. Her combined time of 2:58:22 landed her on the No. 12 spot out of the 23 entries in the 45 to 49 age group.

The Loranges completed the race in over three hours with Yurie registering 3:06:48 to beat husband Bruce, who submitted 3:10:58. Yurie had split times of 33:30 (swim), 1:20:05 (bike), and 1:06:35 (run), while Bruce logged 38:22 and 1:22:36 in the first two legs before defeating his wife in the run leg with a time of 1:03:19. Bruce finished at No. 120 out of the 141 placers inthe 35 to 39 age group, while Yurie was ranked No. 24 (out of 31) in the female division of the same age bracket.

Meanwhile, former Saipan resident John Jenkins also competed in the Honolulu Triathlon and made it to the finish line at the 3:38:30 mark. He entered the 40 to 44 age group that had 142 finishers and posted split times of 41:13, 1:20:00, and 1:24:28.

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From left, couples Mamiko and Joshua Berger and Bruce and Yurie Lorange pose for a photo after completing the Honolulu Triathlon last Sunday.

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# Japanese players dominate q'finals

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Japan's Asumi Kanazawa serves during her and Yuri Katano's game against Australia's Millie Khoury and Hong Kong's Alvina Lai in the quarterfinals round of the girls doubles event in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championship yesterday's at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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Japanese players bagged all four semis berths in the girls singles competition and nearly swept the Final Four berths in the doubles event of the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

All-Japanese semis pairings were arranged yesterday after Yurie Takanishi, Ayano Shimizu, Nanaka Takeuchi, and Ayumi Hirata prevailed in their respective quarterfinal matches at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

The qualifier Takanishi eliminated the No. 7 seed and compatriot Kanako Ota after pulling off a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win in the Round of 8. Takanishi's semis foe is Shimizu, who is left as the highest seeded player to make it to the Final Four after the first round elimination of No. 2 seed Yuri Katano of Japan and Round 2 loss of top-ranked Yinglak Jittakoat of Thailand. Shimizu marched into the semifinals after easing past No. 5 pick and Australia's

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# CNMI All-Stars to compete in HK football tourney

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI All-Stars players and manager Johann Noetzel, standing fifth left, pose for a group photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport before leaving the island yesterday to compete in the Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong Invitational Competition 2014.

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A selection of CNMI female players left Saipan yesterday to participate in the Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong Invitational Competition 2014 this weekend.

Dubbed as the CNMI All-Stars, the team is composed of 18 players and has Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel as manager, while Chelsea

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# World Cup: Pick your favorites

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Pick up a pen and paper and start listing the teams you think would make it all the way to the finals of the 2014 World Cup, as the highly anticipated competition of the year is just around the corner, kicking off in Brazil in less than a month.

You have 32 squads to choose from, from the favorite and defending champion Spain to the lowest-ranked (No. 59) among the qualifiers—Cameroon. Of course, there is Brazil, which will have the home crowd and Neymar on its side.

The Verde Amarela being the host has the luxury of not having to go through the rigorous series of qualifiers that began three years ago and wrapped up just last year. From 203 countries, only 31 made the grade to join Brazil in the quest for the gold-plated sterling silver trophy named after former FIFA president Jules Rimet and the $35 million prize money.

Brazil will host the World Cup for the second time since 1950 and will have the 64 matches spread across 12 cities, including Rio De Janeiro, which housed the venue for the finals—the Estádio do Maracanã.

"Every World Cup is very exciting because of the level of play, but what would make this year's competition more special is that Brazil is hosting and the country is known for its festive atmosphere. There will be festivities taking place in every host cities, the stadium, and even outside the playing venues," said Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, who will be watching a couple of games in Brazil while attending the FIFA Congress.

The competition will start with the group stage with the 32 teams divided into eight pools and only the Top 2 in each group after six games advancing to the Round of 16. Matches

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2014 WORLD CUP

## World Cup groups

| Group A | Group B |
|---|---|
| Brazil | Spain |
| Croatia | Netherlands |
| Mexico | Chile |
| Cameroon | Australia |
| **Group C** | **Group D** |
| Colombia | Uruguay |
| Greece | Costa Rica |
| Ivory Coast | England |
| Japan | Italy |
| **Group E** | **Group F** |
| Switzerland | Argentina |
| Ecuador | Bosnia-Herz. |
| France | Iran |
| Honduras | Nigeria |
| **Group G** | **Group H** |
| Germany | Belgium |
| Portugal | Algeria |
| Ghana | Russia |
| United States | South Korea |

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